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COMPILER'S PREFACE TO THE JOURNAL OF THE COMMONS HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Under the King's government in Georgia the legislative power was vested in three branches, the King's Governor, the King's Council, sitting as an "Upper House," and the Commons House of Assembly. The Governor could recommend to the two Houses such measures as he deemed advisable and he had the veto power, and no bill could become a law without his approval, and then it had to go to England for the King's approval.

The powers of the Council sitting as an Upper House were not clearly defined. At first the Commons House of Assembly denied to it the right to originate bills, and did not recognize the right the councilors claimed to call themselves "the Upper House of Assembly," but insisted that they were only a Council with advisory powers. But later on they recognized them as the Upper House and conceded to them the right to inaugurate measures and insist on amendments to all bills passed in the Lower House except money bills. These had to originate in the Commons House, and could not be amended in the Upper House.

The members of the Commons House of Assembly were elected by the qualified electors, and an elector to be qualified had to be not under twenty-one years old and had to own fifty acres of land in the parish in which he offered to vote; and to be qualified to sit in the Commons House of Assembly he had to own five hundred

acres anywhere in the province. The members of the Commons House of Assembly chose their own Speaker, but their choice could be, and sometimes was, negatived by the Governor, when they had to elect another. The members were elected for no definite period, but continued until the Governor thought proper to dissolve them; and they could adjourn themselves only from one day to the next, but adjournments for a longer period had to be made by the Governor.

"Their proceedings were conformed to the Commons in Great Britain, and they chose their own Messenger and Doorkeeper, but the Governor appointed the Clerk." The members served without pecuniary compensation.

This and the two following volumes contain all the Journals of the Commons House of Assembly now in existence from the first meeting of the first royal legislature on the 7th of January, 1755, to the final adjournment of the last on the 16th of June, 1782. These Journals are full and complete up to Habersham's legislature in April, 1772. The Journal of this legislature seems to be imperfect and sometimes conflicting. During the turbulent times which followed there was but little effort at legislation. There was no harmony between the legislative and executive departments, the representatives of the people not being in accord with the Governor. The Journals for this entire period are meager and imperfect. From March, 1776, to May, 1780, there was no session of the legislature, and for nearly three years of this time there was no semblance of royal government in the province. In July, 1779, six months after the British forces captured and occupied Savannah, Governor Wright returned

and resumed the duties of his office, and in the following May issued writs for the election of a new legislature, but no constitutional quorum for the transaction of business appeared. It required eighteen members to make a quorum, when at no time more than fifteen appeared. The Governor sought in the emergency the advice of the Chief Justice and Attorney General, and was advised by them that under existing circumstances laws passed by this legislature would be valid, and it therefore organized as a legislature and passed a few laws, the most important of which was the disqualifying act of 1782, published elsewhere in this compilation, but only the most meager and fragmentary Journals of the proceedings of this legislature can now be found, either here or in London. The first we have is that of May 9, 1780, and the last June 16, 1782, about three weeks before the British evacuated the State. These Journals are so fragmentary and disconnected that they afford no intelligible account of what was done or attempted, but such as they are, we have included in this compilation.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Tuesday the 7th of January 1755. A. M.

The following Gentlemen met pursuant to several Writs of Election and Returns namely—

Members of the Assembly

James Edward Powell, Joseph Ottolenghe, Edmond Tennatt — Esqrs for the Town and District of Savannah.
Lewis Johnson Esq — For Abercorn and Goshen.
Noble Wimberly Jones Esq — For the Township of Acton.
Henry Yonge Esq — For the Islands of Skiddoway, Wilmington and Green Island.
Charles Watson Esq — For the Town and District of Savannah.
William Gray Esq — For the Town and District of Frederica.
David Douglas, Edmond Gray — Esqrs — For the Town and District of Augusta.
George Cuthbert, Clement Martin, James De Vaux — Esqrs — For the Town and District of Ebenenezer.
James Houstoun Esq — For Vernonburgh. (sic)
John Farmur, John Harn — Esqrs — For the District of great and little Ogechee.
Edward Barnard Esq — For the Town and District of Halifax.
Mark Carr Esq — For the District of Midway.

Message to the Governor

Mr Martin and Mr DeVaux were desired by the rest of the Gentlemen to attend the Governor in the Council Chamber and acquaint him that the several Persons who

were return'd as duely elected to vote as members in this present general Assembly are met at the place appointed and desire to know when his Excellency will be pleased to be attended by the said Gentlemen in order to take the Oaths and make and subscribe the Declaration and to take and subscribe the Oath of Abjuration pursuant to the Acts of Parliament made for those Purposes—

The Governors Answer

The said Gentlemen accordingly withdrew and being return'd Mr Martin reported to the rest of the Gentlemen that Mr De Vaux and himself had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber where they delivered their Message to the Governor and that his Excellency had desired them to acquaint the rest of the Gentlemen that He is now ready to administer the Oaths to such of them as will attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber for that purpose.

The Assembly take the Oaths

And accordingly the above named Gentlemen went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber where they took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Adjuration before his Excellency.

and their Seats.

And then being returned the said Gentlemen severally took their Seats as Members of the Assembly.

Then Mr De Vaux put the House in Mind that his Excellency had recommended to them to make choice of a Speaker

They chuse a Speaker.

RESOLVED That Nemine contradicente that David Douglass Esqr be Speaker of this House

ORDER'D That a Message be sent to the Governor to acquaint him that this House had made choice of a Speaker, and desire to know when he will be pleased that the House shall attend his Excellency in order to

present their Speaker for his Excellencys approbation and that Mr Barnard and Mr Cuthbert do attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber with the said Message

The said Gentlemen withdrew accordingly and being return'd Mr Cuthbert reported to the House that they had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber where they delivered the Message to his Excellency, and that his Excellency had desired them to acquaint the House for Answer thereto, that he is now ready to receive the House with the Speaker whom they intend to present for his Excellency's Approbation

The Speaker approved of

And then Mr Speaker elect with the House went up to attend his Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber— And being return'd Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber where the Gentlemen whom the House had appointed for that purpose presented their Speaker to the Governor for his Approbation and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of Him, and then Mr Speaker desired of his Excellency that he would please to grant to this House the usual and accustomed Privileges of a British House of Representatives in his Majesty's plantations, and that they should at all convenient times have access to his Excellency and freedom of Speech in their Debates, and that Mr Speaker's mistakes might not be imputed to the House, to which his Excellency had been pleased to answer that He would grant this House all the Privileges his Instructions would admit of—

Mr Speaker also reported that his Excellency had been pleased to make a kind and affectionate Speech to his Majestys Council and this House, of which Mr Speaker said (to prevent mistakes) he had obtained a Copy and he deliver'd it in at the Clerk's Table.

The Clerk shows his appointment

Motion was made and the Question put that the Person appointed to be Clerk of this Assembly do shew his Appointment

It passed in the Affirmative.

And he accordingly deliver'd his Commission from the Governor to Mr Speaker, who read it to the House

And then Mr Speaker read his Excellency's Speech, which is as follows—

Gentlemen of the Council and of the Assembly.

The Governor's speech.

I congratulate you upon the Regard His Majesty has been graciously pleased to shew this Province in fixing here a regular form of Government under his immediate royal Authority, the great Advantages of which are too obvious to require Mention; And as His Majesty has done me the Honour to appoint me your Governor, I take the first Oppertunity to assure you that it shall be my Study during the Course of my Administration to promote the Prosperity of the Colony that you and your Posterity may reap the benefit that will attend it's flourishing State; the only Advantage I propose to myself is my Share of the Honour that will arise from the Success of our mutual Endeavours in this Undertaking.— I expect therefore that You will all cheerfully and loyally contribute your Assistance to this laudable End; and as the best means to attain it are Unanmity, (sic) Method and close Application let me recommend it to you and advise that the more weighty and important Affairs of the Colony be taken into your immediate Consideration at your first meeting.— I think it proper for the publick Service that you first of all frame some provincial Laws for the well regulating the Militia, for the making publick Roads and establishing a Provision for defraying the Expenses of holding the two Courts of Oyer and Ter-

miner which his Majesty has directed to (sic) held here yearly on the second Tuesday in December and the second Tuesday in June, and I likewise recommend to your Consideration the making Provision for the ordinary Contingencies of Government, as far as the Circumstances of the People will conveniently admit of the same—

Gentlemen

As you are called together for no other purpose but to consult about the best Methods of promoting your own Welfare I doubt not but You will take care not to suffer any thing to disunite You or draw off your Attention from the publick Good, I on my part shall be ready to concur with you in every Thing that can be conducive to your true and lasting Interest.

An address voted

RESOLVED that an humble Address of this House be prepared to be presented to the Governor to thank His Excellency for his affectionate Speech and to testifye to His Excellency the gratefull sense of this House for his Majesty's Goodness to this Province in fixing here a regular form of Government, and of the wise choice His Majesty has been graciously pleased to make to His Excellency for Governor, and in particular to thank His Excellency for his kind promises to promote the Good of the Colony and that we hope the Tenour of our Actions will convince His Excellency that we have nothing more at Heart than the Honour of our Sovereign and the Good of our Constituents.

And a Committee appointed to draw it up

RESOLVED that a Committee be appointed to draw up our Address upon the said Resolution—

And a Committee was appointed accordingly of the following Gentlemen Viz[t]

M[r] Powell M[r] Watson
M[r] Johnson
M[r] Tennatt
M[r] Martin

And then the House adjourn'd till to morrow morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Wednesday Jan[y] 8th 1755. A. M.

The House met according to Adjournment

John Mackintosh Esq[r] was returned by Writ for the Town and District of Darien.

ORDERED that M[r] Tannatt and M[r] William Gray do go with M[r] Mackintosh to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber in order to his taking the Oaths—

They withdrew accordingly and being return'd they reported that M[r] Mackintosh had taken and subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Oath of Abjuration and made and subscribed the Declaration.

Then M[r] Mackintosh took his Seat as a Member of the Assembly.

RESOLVED that Hugh Ross be Messenger to attend the Service of this House—

RESOLVED that John Sellea be Doorkeeper to this House.

An Oath of Secrecy to be given to the Clerk—passed in the Negative

Motion was made and the Question put that an Oath of Secrecy be given to the Clerk of this House.

It passed in the Negative

RESOLVED that eleven Members including the Speaker shall make a House

RESOLVED that a Committee be appointed of *propositions* and Grievances to sit occasionally.

And a Committee was appointed accordingly of the following Gentlemen viz[t]

M[r] Johnson	M[r] Will[m] Gray
M[r] Tannatt	M[r] Martin
M[r] Powell	M[r] Yong

ORDER'D that in every Committee the Majority of the Members of such Committee do act as the said Committee.

RESOLVED that a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed—

A Committee appointed

And a Committee was appointed accordingly of the following Gentlemen

M[r] Martin	M[r] Tannatt
M[r] Will[m] Gray	M[r] Powell
M[r] Johnson	

And the House adjourned till to morrow morning nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Thursday Jan^{ry} 9th 1755. A. M.

Complaint being made by Mr Powell a Member of the House that he had received an Insult from Capt John Barnard. Order'd that the said John Barnard be sent for to attend this House immediately.

Mr Martin reported from the Committee who were appointed to draw up an Address to the Governor on the Subject matter of His Excellencys Speech that the Committee had prepared an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED that the said Report be now received.

Report of the Address.

And Mr Martin read accordingly the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table where the same was read and is as follows—vizt

To His Excellency John Reynolds Esquire Captain General and Governor in chief of His Majesty's Colony of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble Address of the House of Representatives met in general Assembly

May it please your Excellency

The Address

We his Majesty's most Dutiful and loyal Subjects the Representatives for the Province of Georgia in Assembly met, beg leave to return your Excellency our sincere and hearty thanks for your affectionate Speech

We have a most gratefull sense of the tender regard

his Majesty has been graciously pleased to shew to this Province in establishing the Government under the benign Influence of his royal Authority, and doubt not but we shall reap the same advantages from it and enjoy the same Privileges under it as the other His Majesty's Provinces in America do.— We beg leave to offer his Majesty most dutifull Acknowledgements for this Instance of His paternal Care and also for the wise choice he has pleased to make of your Excellency, whom we have great Reason to believe possessed of every Qualification necessary towards discharging your Duty to your Royal Master and making the People, over whom You preside, happy,

We thank you Sir in particular for the kind Assurances you have been pleased to give us of your hearty Inclination to promote the Good of the Colony and to join with us in every Thing we propose for that End— We on our parts assure your Excellency that it shall be our constant Aim and Study to propose Nothing but what we shall judge consistant with the Honour and Dignity of our Sovereign and the Good of our Constituents being well convinced that the true Interest of His Majesty and his loyal Subjects is so closely connected that whatever tends to promote the Honour of the One is likewise for the Advantage of the Other; Having all of Us this in View, We doubt not but we shall be unanimous in all our Proceedings and We shall in the first place take under our Consideration such Affairs as shall appear to be of the greatest Importance, and that require our immediate Attention— We will likewise consider of (sic) of Methods for raising Money towards defraying the contingent Expenses of Government but our present Situation and Circumstances are such that we shall be able to contribute very little to that purpose, but we hope from what we have already experienced of his

Majestys royal Favour that He will be pleased to grant us such Assistances as may make good our Deficiences, and at the same Time assure your Excellency that our Inclination shall not be wanting as far as our Ability will permit—

We hope the whole Tenour of our Actions will tend to convince your Excellency that we have Nothing more at Heart than to consult the Honour and Dignity of our most gracious Sovereign and truly to promote the Interest of this Colony in the doing of which we flatter ourselves we shall in some measure lessen to You the Weight of Government and procure You the lasting Satisfaction of having contributed so largely towards rendering Us a happy and flourishing People which we believe to be your sincerest Wish—

The said Report being read a second time was agreed to by the House—

ORDER'D that the said Address be ingrossed—

RESOLVED that the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the whole House—

The Address being ingrossed according to Order was read to the House

ORDER'D that Mr Speaker do sign the said Address

And Mr Speaker sign'd the same accordingly

ORDER'D that a Message be sent to the Governor to acquaint His Excellency that this House have an Address to present to his Excellency and desire to know when he will please to be attended by the House for that purpose and that Mr Johnson Mr Powell and Mr Martin do attend his Excellency with the said Message—

The said Gentlemen accordingly withdrew — And being return'd Mr Johnson reported to the House that Mr Powell, Mr Martin and himself had (pursuant to their Order) attended the Governor and delivered the Message to His Excellency and that His Excellency had been pleased to say that He is now ready to receive the House with their Address—

And accordingly Mr Speaker with the House went to attend the Governor—

And being returned Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended the Governor where He (Mr Speaker) presented their Address to His Excellency to which His Excellency had been pleased to give this Answer—

Gentlemen of the Assembly

The Governors Answer.

It gives me great Satisfaction to find You are so truly sensible of His Majestys paternal Care of this Colony; I am obliged to you for the kind Marks of your Esteem in this Address and shall be glad of every Opportunity of convincing You of the Sincerity of my good Wishes for your Prosperity and I promise myself from your Application to Business they will be crowned with Success—

Captain John Barnard attended this House and desired time till to morrow to answer the Complaint made against Him which was accordingly granted Him by the House—

A Message from a Committee of the Council desiring to know when this House will be at leisure to receive them, to which Answer was given that the House was ready to receive them immediately.

Two Members of the Council came to this House and desired that the House would appoint a Committee of this House to confer with a Committee of the Council upon the Tenure of Lands at such time and place as this House shall think proper—

And then they withdrew

RESOLVED That a Committee be appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council at three of the Clock this Afternoon and a Committee was appointed accordingly of the following Gentlemen

Mr Watson	Mr Willm Gray
Mr Poweil	Mr Martin
Mr Johnson	Mr Ottolinghe
Mr Cuthbert	

ORDER'D That Mr Yonge and Mr Mackintosh do acquaint the Council with the said Resolution—

Petition of an undue Election

A Petetion (sic) of William Francis and Samuel Marcer was presented and read to the House by Mr Edmund Gray complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town and District of Savannah

Referred

ORDERED That the said Petition be referr'd to the Consideration of the Committee of Privileges and Election and that they do examine the matter thereof and report the same as it shall appear to them to the House and that they have Power to send for Persons and papers—

And then the House adjourned till to morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Fryday Jan^{ry} 10th 1755

Mr Barnard attended this House and upon making a Concession the House judged satisfactory was discharged—

Motion was made and the Question put that the Petition of William Frances and Samuel Marcer be now read to the House—

It passed in the Negative

RESOLVED That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor desiring a Copy of His Majestys Instructions relating to the Election of Members to serve in this Assembly.

And an Address was drawn up accordingly

ORDERED That Mr Mackintosh and Mr Barnard do attend His Excellency and deliver the said Address—

They withdrew accordingly

And being returned Mr Barnard reported to the House that Mr Mackintosh and himself had delivered the said Address to his Excellency and that His Excellency had been pleased to answer that He would consider of their request

ORDERED That the Secretary of the Province do lay before this House the Writ of Election to the Provost Marshal and the Returns made to him in Consequence of it in order that they may be examined by the Committee of Privileges and Elections—

ORDERED That the Provost Marshal do lay before this House a Copy of the Instructions given by Him to the respective returning Officers—

And then the House (by permission of the Governor) adjourned till Monday Morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Saturday ———

Monday Jan^{ry} 13th 1755. A. M.

The House met according to Adjournment.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor to the following Effect—

Mr Speaker

A Message from the Governor

In Answer to the Address presented to His Excellency by Order of this House on Saturday last in the Afternoon His Excellency thinks proper to inform the House that the Writ of Election directed to the Provost Marshal is fully agreeable to His Majesty's Instructions and by that the Assembly are to conduct themselves in the Determination of all controverted Elections that may come before them—

Mr Martin reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections that they had come to two Resolutions, which they had directed Him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table where the same was read, and is as followeth—

Report of the Committee of Elections

Upon Examination of the Return of the Warrant for the Election of a Member to serve in Assembly for the District of Midway, it appears that the said Warrant was directed to Audly Maxwell Esqr Conservator of the Peace, or the Constable there, and Mark Carr Esqr is returned by Robert Baillie, who, by his own Acknowledgement to the Committee, was not Constable there — Resolved that it is the Opinion of the Committee that the said Election is undue.

Upon Examination of the Return of the Warrant for the Election of a Member to serve in Assembly for the District of Frederica it appears that the said Warrant is directed to John Mackintosh Esqr Conservator of the Peace at Darien and William Gray Esqr is returned by one Samuel Smith. — Resolved that it is the Opinion of the Committee that the said Election is undue—

The first Resolution of the Committee being again read.

RESOLVED—Nemine contradicente That the Election of Mark Carr Esqr is undue

The second Resolution of the Committee being again read

RESOLVED—Nemine contradicente That the Election of William Gray Esqr is undue

Address to the Governor

RESOLVED That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor to desire He will be pleased to give Directions to the Provost Marshal to issue out Warrants for the Election of two Members to serve in Assembly in the room of Mark Carr and William Gray Esqr^s whose Elections are found by this House to be undue—

ORDERED That the said Address be immediately drawn up, and that Mr Powell and and (sic) Mr Jones do attend His Excellency and present the same—

They withdrew accordingly

And being returned Mr Powell reported to the House that Mr Jones and himself had presented the said Address to His Excellency the Governor, and that His Excellency had been pleased to answer that He would give Directions accordingly—

Resolve concerning a supposed Insult.

ORDERED That no Member do presume to go out of Town during this Session of Assembly without leave of the House—

A Complaint being made that George Juggard had insulted Mr Farmur a Member of this House by serving him with a Copy of a Writ in the Street—

ORDERED That the Messenger do bring the said George Juggard before this House to answer to this Complaint—

ORDERED That Mr Yonge be a Member of the Committee of Privileges and Elections in the Room of Mr William Gray whose Election is found to be undue

RESOLVED That a Remonstrance be prepared, in order to be laid before His Majesty, relating to the Tenure of Lands in this Colony—

RESOLVED That an Address be prepared to desire His Excellency will be pleased to postpone the Grants of Lands 'till His Majesty's pleasure be farther known thereupon—

ORDERED That Mr De Vaux, Mr Johnson and Mr Tennatt do prepare the said Remonstrance and Address—

The House being informed that George Juggard attended at the Door He was called in and was asked several Questions in regard to his Behaviour to Mr Farmur, He was then directed to withdraw

He withdrew accordingly—

Then the Question being put that what George Juggard had done to Mr Farmur was an Insult to this House—

It passed in the Negative—

A Message from the Governor by a Member of the Council—

Mr Speaker

His Excellency requires the House of of (sic) Representatives to adjourn themselves (after the Bussiness of this Day is over) till Wednesday morning next—

And the House accordingly adjourned till Wednesday morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Wednesday Janry 15th 1755 A. M.

Resolved that ten Members do make a House

There being ten Members present the Messenger was sent by Mr Speaker to desire the Attendance of the seven Members following vizt Mr Watson Mr Edmond Gray, Mr De Vaux, Mr Farmur, Mr Barnard, Mr Harn, and Mr Mackintosh.—They refused to attend; and Ten Members being at all Times a Majority of the whole House, and they having great reason to believe that the other Members absented themselves with a View to break or dissolve the Assembly in order to retard the pub-

lick Business of the Colony — Resolved that the Ten Members present are in this Emergency sufficient to make a House and that they do proceed upon Business immediately it being near twelve of the Clock—

The House met accordingly

The Messenger was sent by the House to command the Attendance of the absent Members.

He went accordingly—

And being returned said He had seen them all (except Mr De Vaux) and delivered his Massage to them, and they all refused to give any Answer—

Unanimity Resolved.

RESOLVED—Nemine contradicente That during the Secession of so any Members as are at this time absent from their Duty in this House, No Bill be passed, No Resolution be made, No Order be given without the unanimous Consent of the remaining ten Members, which Number is an undeniable Majority even when the House is full—

ORDERED That this Resolution be made publick

Report of the Committee of Elections.

Mr Martin reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections that they had come to several Resolutions which they had directed Him to report to the House and He read the Report in his place and afterward delivered it in at the Clerk's Table where the same was read and is as followeth—

On Monday the 13th of January 1755. A Petition was read to the Committee setting forth that Mr Samuel Marcer and Mr William Francis apprehended themselves duly elected for the Town and District of Savannah, but by the illicit and partial Practises of the returning Offi-

cers that Edmond Tennatt and Joseph Ottolinghe were unduly returned, therefore the aforesaid Samuel Marcer and William Francis pray that they may be heard by themselves or their Council on the Subject of their Complaint; the Committee accordingly gave the Complainants notice to appear at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, when Mr William Francis appeared and after giving such Reasons as He thought proper to support the Allegations of his Petition, he was asked if he had any thing farther to say in his Behalf, and he Answer'd No. Mr Samuel Marcer was also heard in his turn, and then they withdrew — Mr Tennatt also withdrew—

And the Question being put that it appears from the Arguments made use of by Mr Francis and Mr Marcer, that Edmond Tennatt and Joseph Ottolinghe are returned by the illicit and partial Practises of the returning Officer

It passed in the Negative

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of the Committee that Edmond Tennatt and Joseph Ottolinghe are duely and legally elected and returned—

Upon Examination of the Warrant for the Election of a Member to serve in Assembly for the Town and District of Halifax, it appears that the said Warrant is directed to James Frazer Esqr or Edward Barnard Gentleman, and there is an Interlineation in the Writ Viz' Thomas Williamson which the Provost Marshal absolutely denies to be done by Him or his Authority and was done after the issuing the said Warrant and as Edward Barnard Esqr is returned by Thomas Williamson—

RESOLVED that it is the Opininion (sic) of this Committee that the said Election is undue—

Upon Examination of the Return of the Warrant for the Election of a Member to serve in Assembly for the Town and District of Darien, it appears that the said Warrant is directed to John Mackintosh Esqr Conservator of the Peace at Darien, and that John Mackintosh is returned by one Hugh Clark—

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of this Committee that the said Election is undue—

Upon Examination of the other Warrants of Election it appears to the Committee that they are duely returned by the proper Officers therein appointed—

The House then came to the following Resolutions

RESOLVED That Joseph Ottolinghe and Edmond Tannatt are duely Elected and returned for Savannah—

RESOLVED That Edward Barnard is not duely Elected and Returned for Halifax

RESOLVED That John Mackintosh is not duely Elected and Returned for Darien—

Address to the Governor

RESOLVED That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor to desire He will be pleased to give Directions to the Provost Marshal to issue out Writs for Election of Members to serve in Assembly in the Room of Edward Barnard and John Mackintosh whose Elections are found by this House to be undue—

And the said Address was drawn up accordingly

ORDERED That Mr Powell and Mr Martin do attend and present to His Excellency the Governor the said Address—

They withdrew accordingly—

And being returned Mr Powell reported to the House that himself and Mr Martin had presented the said Address to His Excellency and that he had been pleased to answer that he would give Directions accordingly—

ORDERED That Mr Powell be a Member of the Committee concerning the Tenure of Lands in the Room of Mr De Vaux who absents himself from his Duty in this House—

RESOLVED That a Bill be brought in for the Regulating and setling the Militia of the Province—

ORDERED That Mr Martin Mr Yonge and Mr Jones do prepare and bring in the same—

ORDERED That Mr Powell and Mr Johnson do go to the Council and desire that this House may have a Conference with them on the Subject of the Tenure of Lands

They withdrew accordingly—

And being returned Mr Powell reported to the House that the Council had agreed to have the said Conference immediately

The House went to the said Conference and returned—

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Thursday Jany the 16th 1755

The House met according to Adjourment

Mr Martin presented to the House (according to Order) a Bill for regulating and settling the Militia of this Province, and the same was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a second time to morrow—

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning nine of ye Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Fryday Jan^{ry} the 17th 1755

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Bill for regulating and settling the Militia of this Province was read the second Time—

ORDERED That the Bill be ingrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill be read the third time to morrow—

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Saturday January the 18th 1755.

The Militia Bill passed.

The Bill for regulating and settling the Militia of this Province was read the Third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Ottolinghe and Mr Tennatt do carry the said Bill to the Council in Assembly and desire their Concurrence

ORDERED That Mr Tennatt do wait upon His Excellency the Governor with the following Address—

May it please Your Excellency

Address to the Governor

The House of Representatives desire your Excellency to give them some Directions for their Guidance in the framing Bills that they may not proceed contrary to His Majesty's Instructions—

He withdrew accordingly

And being returned, He reported to the House that He waited upon, and presented to the Governor the said Address and that His Excellency had been pleased to answer that He would give Directions accordingly—

RESOLVED That a Bill be brought in to settle a paper Currency in lieu of Money in this Colony—

ORDERED That Mr Tennatt, Mr Yonge, and Mr Powell do prepare and bring in the same—

RESOLVED That a Bill be brought in for the good Government of the Negroes in this Colony

ORDERED That Mr Johnson, Mr Ottolinghe, Mr Cuthbert and Mr Martin do prepare and bring in the same—

And then the House adjourned 'till Monday Morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Monday January the 20th 1755.

The House met According to Adjournment.

Mr De Vaux came again to take his Seat in the House and being asked his reasons why he had so long absented himself from his Duty, He answered that the Members absenting themselves on Wednesday last and other People did insist upon his not going to the House on that Day and He was afraid if he had endeavoured to force his Way hither, it would have been attended with Consequences fatal to Himself and the Publick—

RESOLVED That His Excuse be admitted

Seven Members to make an House.

RESOLVED That during the Secession of so many Members as are now absent absent (sic) from the House, Seven Members do make a House, as the Bussiness of the House and that of the several Committee's lies so heavy upon the remaining Members—

ORDERED That Mr Martin and Mr Cuthbert do go to the Council and desire to know if they have agreed upon the Remonstrance to His Majesty and the Address to His Excellency relating to the Tenure of Lands—

They withdrew accordingly—

And being returned Mr Martin reported to the House

that Mr Cuthbert and himself had delivered their Message to the Council, who answered they had agreed to the same—

And the said Remonstrance and Address were severally read to the House, and are as follow—

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

Address to His Majesty.

We Your Majesty's most dutifull and loyal Subjects Members of your Majesty's Council and of the House of Representatives for the Province of Georgia in general Assembly met beg leave humbly to remonstrate to your most Sacred Majesty That whereas His Excellency John Reynolds Esqr Captain General and Governor in chief of this your Majesty's Colony, has in Consequence of your Majesty's Royal Instructions issued a Proclamation obliging all Grantees of Lands to clear and cultivate at the rate of five Acres Per Year for every hundred Acres contained in their Grants, in failure of which such Grants shall be void. And whereas we humbly conceive the Compliance with this Condition to be impracticable, and has a tendency destructive to the present Planters and will effectually prevent the future Settlement of the Colony as it lays the Proprietors under the fatal Necessity of annually employing so much of their time and so great a part of their Hands in clearing their Lands as would hinder their Planting to any Advantage, as well as of cutting down their valuable Timber in Waste, whereby they are deprived of a considerable Part of their Profits; and as at least one half of the Lands now possessed are not fit for any manner of Cultivation, their Possessors would be put under an extreme Hardship by being obliged to clear and cultivate such Lands; and in twenty Years under these Restrictions and the Conditions so far complied with, such Lands must never the less become forfeited as the said Proprietors then will have no more Land to clear.

We therefore with humble Submission to your most Sacred Majesty, pray that the above Conditions may be altered and that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to consider that as This is an Infant and Frontier Colony to your Majesty's Provinces on the Continent, which exposes us more to the Insults of the Enemy and renders our Property more precarious. — We should enjoy our Lands on such Terms as will encourage Settlers to come amongst us, and that You will be pleased to grant such Redress as to your most Sacred Majesty's great Wisdom shall seem meet—

To His Excellency &ca &ca

May it please your Excellency,

Address to His Excellency

We his Majesty's most dutifull and loyal Subjects Members of his Majesty's Council and of the House of Representatives in general Assembly met, beg leave to lay before your Excellency for your Approbation a Remonstrance to His Majesty on the Subject of the Proclamation published by your Excellency relating to the Granting of Lands; As we apprehend that the Conditions therein required are such as will not only hurt the present Inhabitants but also deter others from becoming Settlers amongst Us; We therefore request of your Excellency your Concurrence with Us in endeavouring to procure of his Majesty a favourable Alteration of the Terms required in the Proclamation — We are of Opinion that if Lands were granted in such Proportions as are agreeable to His Majestys Instructions but without any other Restriction or Condition than that the Grantee shall be obliged to reside with his Family in the Colony for at least three Years after the obtaining of the Grant; this would be a sufficient Encouragement for Settlers to come in, and also would effectually prevent People from taking up Land who have no Intention to cultivate it

(which we humbly apprehend is what is intended to be obviated by that part of the Proclamation complained of) as they will be obliged for their own Advantage to employ the Slaves they have brought into the Colony, and we are certain they cannot employ them in any way that will be so profitable as that of clearing and cultivating their own Lands — If this has your Excellencys Approbation, We beg that You would be pleased to use your Interest that Lands may be granted on the above Terms — We likewise pray that your Excellency will be pleased to allow a longer Time than what is required in the Proclamation for the Possessors of Lands to bring in their Claims that His Majestys Pleasure may be known on the Subject of the Remonstrance—

ORDERED That the said Remonstrance and Address be signed by Mr Speaker—

And Mr Speaker signed the same accordingly—

A Message from the Governor by a Member of the Council that He had a Letter in his Hand, which His Excellency had laid before the Council in Assembly, and ordered him to lay before the House of Representatives, as it related to some of their Members—

And then He withdrew—

ORDERED That the said Letter be now read—

And the said Letter was read accordingly, and is as followeth—

Savannah 15th Janry 1755

Gentn

If you regard the liberties of your Country, as we cannot doubt but they are dear to You, it is highly necessary that you come immediately to Savannah, there by

your presence to Animate and Support your friends in their Endeavours to procure those blessings that can alone Render this Colony flourishing and happy.

In this we hope you will not fail and Subscribe ourselves Hearty and sincere Friends to you and Georgia.

Signed Chas Watson
Mark Carr
John Farmur
Edwd Barnard. John Hain
Edmund Gray
John Mackintosh
William Gray

To the Freeholders of
the Province of Georgia.

Motion was made and the Question put that this House do take the said Letter into Consideration to morrow morning

It passed in the Affirmative

And then the House adjourned 'till to Morrow morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Tuesday the 21st Jan^ry 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment

The House took into Consideration the Letter laid before them yesterday by His Excellency's Order and after some time spent thereon came to the following Resolution.

RESOLVED That the Letter laid before this House By His Excellencys Order is of a Seditious Nature and

the Consequences of it may be dangerous if not prevented.

ORDERED That Mr Powell and Mr Johnson do acquaint the Council in Assembly with the said Resolutions

ORDERED That Mr Edmund Gray be sent for by the Messenger of this House:

He went accordingly

And being returned he said that Mr Edmund Gray was not to be found but information was given that He was gone up the River.

RESOLVED That the House do refer the farther Consideration of the Letter laid before them to Fryday next, as none of the Members concerned in it are at present in Town unless any of them return to Town before that Time.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Wednesday the 22d Janry 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment.

A Message from the Council that they are now ready to send one of their Members with a Member of this House to wait upon His Excellency the Governor to know when He will be pleased to be attended by both Houses with the Remonstrance to his Majesty and the

Address to His Excellency relating to the Tenure of Lands—

And Mr Tennatt went accordingly.

And being returned He reported to the House that His Excellency had been pleased to say that He is now ready to receive both Houses.

The House accordingly waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and being returned Mr Speaker reported to the House that His Excellency had been pleased to give an Answer to the following Effect.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the Assembly.

The Governor's Answer to an Address

You may be assured I will use my best Endeavours to obtain an Alteration in the Terms and Conditions of the Grants of Land that they may be more to your Security and Advantage.

And at your request I do prolong the time required by my Proclamation for the present Possessors of Lands to bring in their Claims till the last day of June next, and Of this, Gentlemen of the Assembly, You will take Care to inform your Constituents.

A Message from the Council by one of their Members that the Council had made some Amendments in the Bill for regulating and settling the Militia to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments made to the Militia Bill by the Council

ORDERED That Mr Martin do go to the Council in Assembly and desire a Conference with them, when and where they please on the Subject of the Militia Bill.

He withdrew accordingly and being return'd He reported to the House that the Council do agree to the said Conference at four of the Clock in the Afternoon in the Council Chamber.

The House went accordingly to the Conference.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Thursday Jan^{ry} the 23^{d} 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment

The House took into their Consideration the Amendments made by the Council in the thirty third Clause of the Bill for regulating the Militia of this Province and after some Debates thereon, they agreed to the same with an Amendment of their own.

ORDERED That Mr Tennatt do carry the said Bill to the Council and acquaint them that this House agree to the Amendments made in it by the Council, with an Amendment of their own to which they desire the Concurrence of the Council—

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning nine of ye Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Friday January the 24th 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment—

Motion was made and the Question put that the farther

Consideration of the Letter of a seditious Nature laid before this House, be referred to Monday next.

It passed in the Affirmative.

A Message from the Governor by a Member of the Councill.

Mr Speaker

His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately.

The Militia Bill assented to.

The House went accordingly and being returned, Mr Speaker reported that Himself and the House had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to give his Assent to An Act for regulating the Militia of this Province and for the better Security and Defence of the same.

And then (By Permission of the Governor) the House adjourned till Monday Morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Monday January the 27th 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Order of the Day being read—

The Case of the Absentees considered

RESOLVED That the House do now take into their Consideration the Case of the Members of this House who have absented themselves for fourteen Days last past.

The House took their Case into Consideration accordingly and after some time spent thereon, and the Clerk of the Council attending with the Council Roll in which

the Members of this House have subscribed the Declaration and State Oaths; the Hand writing was compared with that of the Names subscribed to the Letter of a seditious Nature laid before this House.

RESOLVED That it appears to this House that the Names subscribed by the Members of the House to the Letter of a seditious Nature, is their own Hand writing.

RESOLVED That the four following Members.

Charles Watson
Edmund Gray
John Farmur } Esq^rs
John Harn

having absented themselves from this House and obstructed another Member in coming to his Duty here, and having also been concerned in writing and dispersing the Letter of a seditious Nature laid before this House by His Excellency's Order, be expelled this House and made incapable of being elected to serve in this general Assembly during this first Session.

The Absentees Expelled.

ORDERED That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor to desire He will be pleas'd to give Directions to the Provost Marshal to issue out Warrants for the Election of Members to serve in Assembly for Savannah, for Augusta, and for great and little Ogeechee, in the Room of Charles Watson, Edmund Gray, John Farmur and John Harn, who are expelled this House and made incapable of being elected to serve in Assembly during this first Session, for reasons above mentioned.

ORDERED That Mr Powell and Mr Jones do present the said Address—

They withdrew accordingly—

And being returned Mr Powell reported to the House that Mr Jones and himself had presented the said Address to His Excellency the Governor and that His Excellency had been pleased to Answer that He would give Directions accordingly—

And then the House adjourned 'till to morrow morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Tuesday January 28th 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment

ORDERED That a Bill be brought in to make it High Treason to counterfeit the Broad Seal of this Province and that Mr Powell do prepare and bring in the same—

Mr Tennatt reported to the House that the Gentlemen appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to settle the Paper Currency of this Province had made a progress in it and will be ready to present the Bill to morrow—

ORDERED That the said Bill be presented to morrow morning

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Wednesday January the 29th 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment

Broad Seal Bill brought in.

Mr Powell presented (according to Order) a Bill to make it High Treason to counterfeit the broad Seal of this Province—

And the same was received and read the first Time, and Ordered to be read the second time on Fryday next.

A Paper Currency Bill brought in.

Mr Tennatt presented (according to Order) a Bill for Stamping, Imprinting and making current the Sum of Seven Thousand Pounds Sterling in Paper Bills of Creditt, to be let out at Interest on good Securities at Six ℔ Centum ℔ Annum, and for applying the said Interest—

And the same was read the first time and Ordered to be read the second Time on Fryday next.

ORDERED That a Bill be brought in to prevent fraudulent Conveyances, and that Mr Martin, Mr Powell, and Mr Jones do prepare and bring in the same.

Motion was made and the question put that Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to oblige the Public Treasurer to give Security—

It passed in the Affirmative

ORDERED That Mr Yonge and Mr Tennatt do prepare and bring in the same.

ORDERED That a Remonstrance and Address be prepared to be laid before this House, in Order to be presented to His Majesty, the (sic) He will be graciously

pleased to vest the general Assembly of this Province, with Power to settle the Fees of Public Offices, as the Assemblies in His Majesty's other Plantations in America do; and that Mr Johnson and Mr Martin do prepare the same—

ORDERED That a Remonstrance and Address be prepared to be laid before this House, in Order to be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to vest the general Assembly of this Province, to ascertain the Qualifications of Electors and Elected, and to pass an Election Law, consistant with the Situation of the Province, and that Mr Jones and Mr Ottolinghe do prepare the same.

ORDERED That a Remonstrance and Address be prepared to be laid before this House, in Order to be presented to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to vest the general Assembly of this Province with Power to pass an Act, that the Issuing Money from the Public Treasury, that is raised by the general Assembly, may be applied and issued by their Order only—

Message from the Governor.

A Message from the Governor by a Member of the Council, that His Excellency requires this House to adjourn (after the Bussiness of this Day is over) till Fryday morning next, to morrow being the Anniversary of the Martyrdom of King Charles the first—

And then the House adjourned 'till Fryday morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Friday Jan^ry 31st 1775.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Broad Seal Bill read the second time

A Bill to make it High Treason to counterfeit the Broad Seal of this Province, was read the second time, and Ordered to be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The Conveyance Bill brought in.

Mr Martin presented (according to Order) a Bill to prevent fraudulent Conveyances, and the same was read the first time, and Ordered to be read the second time on Tuesday next.

The Treasurers Bill brought in.

A Bill to oblige the Public Treasurer to give Security, was read the first time, and Ordered to be read on Tuesday next the second time.

Negroe Bill brought in.

Mr Johnson presented to the House (according to Order) a Bill for the better Ordering and Governing the Negroes and other Slaves in this Province, and the same was read the first time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Paper Currency Bill read the second time.

The Bill for stamping imprinting, and making current the Sum of Seven Thousand Pounds Sterling in Paper Bills of Credit, to be let out at Interest upon good Securities at Six ℔ Centum ℔ Annum, and for applying the said Interest, was read the second time, and the House resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill, and after some Time Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Martin reported from the Committee that they had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED That the Report be now received.

And Mr Martin accordingly read the Report in His place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth.

RESOLVED That the Application of the Money that may arise from the Interest of the Loan directed in the Bill be altered to other Uses than are at present provided by the said Bill.

And then the House (by permission of the Governor on account of the Election at Savannah) adjourned 'till Tuesday morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Tuesday Feby 4. 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Committee of the whole House on the Negroe Bill.

The Order of the Day being read, The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for the better Ordering and Governing the Negroes and other Slaves in this Province, and after some time Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Johnson reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and the said Bill was read the second time and Ordered to be read the third time to morrow—

The Conveyance Bill read the second time.

The Bill to prevent Fraudulent Deeds and Conveyances, was read the second time and committed.

The Bill for securing the Money raised by the Public, was read the second time and committed.

The Broad Seal Bill passed

The Bill making it high Treason to counterfeit the Broad Seal of this Province was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Tennatt do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence—

The Paper Currency Bill passed.

The Bill for stamping, imprinting, and Emitting the Sum of seven Thousand Pounds Sterling in Paper of Credit was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Yonge do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Wednesday Feby 5th 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment

The Negroe Bill passed

The Bill for the better Ordering and Governing the Negroes, and other Slaves in this Province, was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That Mr Jones do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence—

ORDERED That a Bill be brought in for fixing the Interest of Money in this Province, and that Mr Martin and Mr Powell do prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned 'till to morrow morning nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Thursday Feby 6. 1755

The House met according to Adjournment.

The House took into Consideration a Letter (laid before them by his Excellency's Order) from Sr Thomas Robinson, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to the Governor, acquainting Him that His Majesty had sent two Regiments of Foot to Virginia, to be augmented there to seven Hundred Men Each, and had directed two Regiments to be raised in America, of one Thousand Men Each, and as there will be Men wanted for those purposes, The King recommends previous Steps to be taken towards raising Men, and providing fresh Victuals for the Use of the Troops, and furnishing necessarys for their traveling by Land, and these things to be done at the expence of this Colony, 'till a common Fund be established for the Benefit of all North America;

And after some Time spent thereon—

RESOLVED That an Address be drawn up on the Subject of the said Letter—

And an Address was drawn up accordingly, and is as followeth—

May it please your Excellency.

Address to the Governor on the Subject of Sir Thomas Robinson's Letter.

We His Majesty's most dutifull and loyal Subjects, the House of Representatives of His Majesty's Colony of Georgia, have taken into our Consideration the Letter laid before Us by your Excellency's Order, and sent to your Excellency from Sir Thomas Robinson, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in Relation

to the present State of Affairs in North America, And We should most readily conform to His Majesty's Pleasure signified therein, but our present Circumstances are unhappily such, that we can contribute Little or Nothing either as to Men or Money, on the contrary we should be ourselves in a most deplorable Situation if this Colony should be attacked, by French or Indian Enemies, unless His Majesty would be graciously pleased to afford us some Troops for our Relief and Support; We beg leave to assure Your Excellency, that if our Abilitys were equal to our Inclination, we should not be wanting on this important Occasion, as we think it highly incumbent on all His Majesty's Subjects in America to exert themselves with the utmost Vigour in this uncommon Danger; And we are truly sensible of His Majesty's paternal Care in taking such speedy and powerfull measures for the Support of all his Subjects, however remotely situated they may be from his Royal Presence —

ORDERED That the said Address be ingrossed.

And the said Address being ingrossed was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do sign the said Address, and he signed it accordingly—

ORDERED That the said Address be delivered to His Excellency by Mr Martin and Mr Cuthbert.

And they withdrew accordingly,

And being returned, Mr Martin reported to the House, that His Excellency had been pleased to say, He would cause the Subject of the Address to be made known to His Majesty—

The Conveyance Bill passed.

The Bill to prevent fraudulent Deeds and Conveyances, was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Houstoun do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

The Augusta Bill brought in

Mr Ottolinghe presented to the House, a Bill for raising a Yearly Salary for the Minister of Augusta, and for paying what Money remains unpaid for Erecting the Church there, and for furnishing the same, and to pay a Person for officiating as Clerk of the said Church; and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time—

William Gray Esqr was returned Representative for Frederica by Warrant of Election; the Return being dated January 27th 1755

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make some Regulations in the general Court of this Province, and that Mr Cuthbert and Mr Powell do prepare and bring in the same—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Fryday Feby 7. 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment

John Elliot Esqr was returned Representative for Midway, by Warrant of Election, the Return being dated January 31st 1755.

A Message from the Council that they desire a Conference with this House, in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber at eleven of the Clock, on the Subject of the Currency and Negroe Bills—

And then the Messenger withdrew—

RESOLVED That the House do agree to the said Conference.

ORDERED That Mr Martin do acquaint the Council therewith, And the House went to the said Conference and returned—

And then the House (by permission of the Governor) adjourned 'till Monday morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Monday Feby 10. 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Augusta Bill read the second time.

The Bill for raising a yearly Salary for the Minister of Augusta, and for paying what remains unpaid for erecting a Church there and for finishing the same, and to pay a Person for officiating as Clerk of the said Church, was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time—

ORDERED That a Bill be brought in for laying out the Public Roads, and that Mr Yonge, Mr Tennatt, Mr Cuthbert, Mr Jones and Mr Devaux do prepare and bring in the same—

Mr Powell presented to the House a Bill, for inflicting

The Penalty Bill brought in.

and imposing Penalties upon any Person or Persons, that shall publish and declare that the Acts of Assembly of this Province are not of force, and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time—

ORDERED That a Bill be brought in to appoint a Market, and that Mr Powell, Mr Johnson, and Mr Houstoun do Prepare and bring in the same—

And then the House adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Tuesday Feby 11, 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment

The Penalty Bill read the second time.

The Bill for inflicting and imposing Penalties upon any Person or Persons, that shall Publish and declare that the Acts of Assembly of this Province are not of Force, was read the second time and ordered to be read the third time—

The General Court Bill brought in.

Mr Powell presented to the House (According (sic) Order) a Bill for making some Regulations in the general Court of this Province, and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time—

ORDERED That a Bill be brought in to Punish Vagrants, And that Mr Martin, Mr Cuthbert and Mr Devaux, do Prepare and bring in the same—

ORDERED That a Bill be brought in to raise Money to defray some Contingent Expences of his Majesty's Government of this Province, and that Mr Speaker, Mr

Powell and Mr Yonge, do prepare and bring in the same—

And then the House adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Wednesday Feby 12, 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment

The Penalty Bill passed.

The Bill to impose Penalties upon any Person or Persons, that shall Publish and declare that the Acts of the general Assembly of this Province are not of Force, was read the third time—

ORDERED That Mr Johnson do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence—

A Bill from the Council for the Recovery of small Debts.

An Ingrossed Bill from the Council, for the more easy Recovery and better securing small Debts, was read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time—

The Bill for the Punishment of Vagrants brought in.

A Bill for the Punishment of Vagrants was Presented to the House (according to Order) and was read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time—

A Bill to secure the Money raised by the Public, was read the third time—

The Treasurer's Bill passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass—

ORDERED That Mr Yonge do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence—

The General Court Bill passed.

The Bill to make Regulations in the general Court, was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass—

ORDERED That Mr Cuthbert do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence—

A Bill from the Council in favour of a Femme Coverte.

An Ingrossed Bill from the Council, to impower a Femme Coverte, who is a sole Trader, to sue for and recover Debts, was read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time—

And then the House adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Thursday Feby 13, 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Bill for the better Ordering and Governing the Negroes and other Slaves in this Province, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

The House took the Amendments into Consideration, and agreed to some, and made Amendments to Others—

ORDERED That Mr Tennatt do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them therewith—

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Bill making it High Treason to counterfeit the Broad Seal of this Province, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

The House took the Amendments into Consideration, and agreed thereto—

ORDERED That Mr Powell do acquaint the Council therewith—

A Message from the Council, that they have agreed to the Bill for Inflicting and Imposing Penalties on any Person or Persons, that shall publish and declare that the Acts of the general Assembly of this Province, are not of Force, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

The House took the Amendments into Consideration, and agreed to some, and made Amendments to Others—

ORDERED That Mr Martin do carry the Bill to the Council and acquaint them, that the House have made some Amendments to the Amendments made by the Council, to which they desire their Concurrence—

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Jones do go with Mr John Elliot to attend His Excellency the Governor, in order to his taking the Oaths before His Excellency—

They went accordingly

And being returned, Mr Ottolenghe reported to the House that Mr John Elliot had taken the Oaths, and subscribed the Declaration—

And Mr John Elliot took his Seat as a Member of the Assembly—

ORDERED That Mr Elliot be added to the Gentlemen already appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to lay out the Public Roads—

The Bill for the more easy Recovery and better securing small Debts, was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time on Thursday the twentieth Day of March next—

The Femme Coverte Bill read the second Time.

An Ingrossed Bill from the Council to impower a Femme Coverte who is a sole Trader to sue for and recover Debts, was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time—

The Vagrant Bill read the second time.

A Bill to punish Vagrants was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time—

And then the House adjourned 'till to Morrow morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Fryday Feby 14, 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment

The Vagrant Bill passed.

A Bill to punish Vagrants was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Powell do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence—

The Road Bill brought in.

Mr Yonge presented to the House (according to Order) a Bill to impower the several Surveyors hereafter named, to lay out Public Roads, and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time to morrow.

A Message from the Council, that they desire this House will appoint a Committee to confer with a Com-

mittee of the Council, on the Defenceless State of this Colony—

And a Committee was appointed accordingly of the following Gentlemen, Mr Tennatt, Mr Martin and Mr Jones—

ORDERED That Mr Elliot be added to the Gentlemen already appointed to bring in a Bill to appoint a Market in Savannah—

ORDERED That Mr Martin and Mr Powell do attend the Governor to desire His Excellency will be pleased to give leave that in the Bill "for stamping, imprinting", and making Current the Sum of seven thousand "Pounds Sterling", the Words The Honourable be inserted before the Names of Patrick Graham Esqr and Francis Harris Esqr

They went accordingly and being returned, Mr Martin reported that His Excellency consented those Words should be inserted at the Request of the House, but not as their Right—

ORDERED That a Bill be brought in to divide this Province into distinct Parishes, and that Mr Cuthbert and Mr Yonge do prepare and bring in the same—

And then the House adjourned 'till to Morrow morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Saturday Feby 15, 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment—

The Tax Bill brought in.

Mr Powell presented to the House (according to Order) a "Bill for granting to his Majesty a Sum of Money for the "Expences of holding the two Courts of Oyer and Terminer," and other Contingencies of Government", and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time on Monday next—

ORDERED That a Bill be brought in to ascertain and regulate Patrols in this Province, and that Mr Yonge do prepare and bring in the same—

And then the House adjourned 'till to morrow morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Monday Feby 17, 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment—

A Bill to prevent Illegal Settlements brought in.

Mr Powell presented to the House a Bill to prevent the Illegal settling on Lands in this Province, and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time--

An Ingrossed Bill from the Council to impower a Femme Coverte who is a Sole Trader to sue for and recover Debts in this Province, was read the third time, and the House made some Amendments to the Bill—

The Femme Coverte Bill passed.

RESOLVED That the Bill with the Amendments do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Tennatt do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the Bill with some Amendments, to which the House desires their Concurrence—

A Message from the Governor by a Member of the Council—

Mr Speaker

His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber—

And being returned,

Mr Speaker reported that the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was Pleased to assent to the two following Bills Vizt

An Act for Stamping, Emitting and making current the Sum of seven Thousand Pounds Sterling in paper Bills of Credit to be let out at Interest on good Securities at Six ℔ Cent ℔ Annum, and for applying the said Interest—

An Act Inflicting and Imposing Penalties upon any Person or Persons that shall Publish and declare that the Acts of the general Assembly of the Province of Georgia are not of force—

Committee of the whole House on the Public Road Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill for laying out the Public Roads and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed

the Chair and Mr Cuthbert reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill, with some Amendments—

And the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Martin do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence—

The Tax Bill read the second time. And committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Bill for Raising and Granting a Sum of Money to His Majesty for defraying the Expences of holding the two Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Contingencies of Government, was read the second time and committed to a Committee of (sic) whole House—

The Market Bill brought in.

Mr Powell presented (according to Order) a Bill for regulating a Market in the Town of Savannah, and to prevent Fore-stallers, and the same was read the first time and ordered to be read the second time—

ORDERED That no new Bill be brought in, by any Member of this House, during this Session, after Wednesday next—

And then the House adjourned 'till to Morrow morning nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Tuesday Feby 18, 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Bill to prevent Fraudulent Conveyances with some

Amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

And the House took the Amendments into Consideration and agreed to the same—

ORDERED That Mr Martin do acquaint the Council therewith—

Committee of of the whole (sic) House on the Tax Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill for raising and granting a Sum of Money to His Majesty for defraying the Expences of holding the two Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Contingencies of Government, and after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Powell reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill—

And the Bill was read the third time

the Bill passed.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Tennatt do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence—

The Bill to prevent Illegal Settlements read the second time.

The Bill to prevent illegal Settlements on Lands in this Province was read the second time and ordered to be read the third time—

A Message from the Council with the Bill to impower a Femme Coverte to sue for and recover Debts, and to acquaint the House that the Council do not agree to the Amendments made by the House to the Bill

And then the Messenger withdrew—

The House took the Message into Consideration and as the Amendments made in the Bill consist only in altering the Terms Femme Coverte and under Coverture, to the

Words, Married Woman, and in a State of Marriage, which the House are of Opinion may be better understood and the Bill be thereby made more conformable to an Act passed in the Reign of His present Majesty enacting that all Proceedings in Law shall be in the English Tongue and not in Latin or French—

RESOLVED That the House will abide by the said Amendments

ORDERED That Mr Elliot do carry the Bill to the Council and acquaint them therewith—

The Market Bill read the second time.

A Bill to regulate a Market in Savannah and to prevent Forestallers, was read the second time and ordered to be read the third time—

ORDERED That a Bill be brought in to regulate Plantation Fences, and that Mr Elliot do prepare and bring in the same—

ORDERED That a Bill be brought in to divide this Province into Parishes and that Mr Cuthbert do prepare and bring in the same—

A Message from the Council that they have drawn up an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the Defenceless State of this Colony, to which they desire the Concurence of this House—

And then the Messenger withdrew—

And the Address was read and agreed to by the House and is as followeth—

To His Excellency John Reynolds Esqr Captain General and Governor in chief of His Majesty's Colony of Georgia—

The Humble Address of the Council and House of Representatives met in General Assembly

Address to His Excellency

We His Majestys most dutifull and Loyal Subjects the Council and House of Representatives of the Colony of Georgia, beg leave to represent to Your Excellency that this His Majestys Colony is in a Defenceless State and Condition at this Time of general Commotion in North America, and consequently in impending Danger as well from Foreign Enemies as the Insults of our neighbouring Indians, for altho a frontier Country, it is unprovided (sic) with Troops, Artillery, Fortifications, Arms and Ammunition, and we therefore request your Excellency to lay before His Majesty an Account of our helpless and Dangerous Situation, that His Majesty may be graciously Pleased to Order us such Assistance and Relief as shall to Him in his great Wisdom seem necessary and Expedient—

And then the House adjourned 'till to Morow morning nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Wednesday Feby 19. 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment—

Plantation Fence Bill brought in.

Mr Elliot presented to the House (according to Order) a Bill to regulate Plantation Fences in this Province, and the same was read the first Time and ordered to be read the second time—

The Bill to divide the Province into Parishes brought in

Mr Cuthbert presented to the House (according to Order) a Bill to divide this Province into Parishes, and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read the second time—

The Bill to ascertain the Interest of Money brought in.

Mr Powell presented to the House a Bill to ascertain the Interest of Money in this Province, and the same was read the first time and ordered to be read the second time—

The Patrol Bill brought in.

Mr Yonge presented to the House a Bill for Regulating Patrols in this Province, and the same was read the first time and ordered to be read the second time—

A Message from the Council that they desire this House to send one of the Members of the House with a Member of the Council to attend His Excellency the Governor to know his Pleasure when he will be waited upon with the Address relating to the Defenceless State of the Colony—

ORDERED That Mr Jones do go on the said Message, and He went accordingly, and being returned He reported to the House, that His Excellency had been pleased to say, He was now ready to receive the Address—

And The House went with the Council to present the said Address—

And being returned Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency and presented the Address, and that His Excellency had been pleased to answer that He would cause the Address to be laid before His Majesty—

The Bill to prevent Illegal Settlements passed.

The Bill to prevent illegal Settlements in this Province, was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Tennatt do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence—

A Message from the Council that they desire a Conference with this House forthwith on the Subject of the Tax Bill—

And then the Messenger withdrew

The House took the said Message into Consideration

RESOLVED That this House will agree to no Conference with the Council on the Tax Bill—

ORDERED That Mr Martin do acquaint the Council therewith—

Mr Cuthbert presented to the House (according to Order) a Bill to divide this Province into Parishes, and the same was read the first time and ordered to be read the second Time—

The Market Bill passed.

The Bill to regulate a Market at Savannah and to prevent Forestallers was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Martin do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence—

Tybee Light House Bill brought in.

Mr Powell presented to the House a Bill for Raising and granting a Fund to defray the Expences of keeping the Light House at Tybee in Repair and for building a House there for the Use of the Pilot, and the same was read the first time and ordered to be read the second time

ORDERED That the Clerk of the Assembly do make out two faithfull Abstracts of the several Acts of the general Assembly passed this Session, for the Use of the Western and Southern Inhabitants of this Province—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Thursday Feby 20, 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment—

A Message from the Council that they have passed the Bill to lay out the Public Roads in this Province, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

ORDERED That Mr Martin do acquaint the Council, that this House do agree to the said Amendments—

The Bill to divide the Province into Parishes read the second time.

A Bill to divide this Province into Parishes was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time—

The Plantation Fence Bill read the second time.

A Bill to regulate Fences in this Province was read the second time and ordered to be read the third time—

The Patrol Bill passed.

A Bill for regulating Patrols in this Province was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Cuthbert do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence—

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Bill for raising and granting a Sum of Money to His Majesty for defraying the Expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Contingencies of Government—

The Tybee Light House Bill read the second time.

A Bill for raising a Fund for keeping the Light House on Tybee in Repair and for building a House for the

Use of the Pilot there, was read the second time and ordered to be read the third time—

And then the House adjourned 'till to Morrow morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Friday Feby 21, 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment

The Plantation Fence Bill passed

A Bill to regulate Fences in this Province was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Jones do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence—

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Bill for regulating a Market in Savannah and to prevent Fore-stalling, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

The House took the Amendments into Consideration and agreed thereunto—

A Message from the Council that they have passed the Bill to regulate Patrols in this Province with some Amendments to which the (sic) desire the Concurrence of this House—

The House took the said Amendments into Consideration, and after some time spent therein came to the following Resolution—

RESOLVED That the farther Consideration of the said

Amendments be referred to Wednesday the twenty seventh Day of March next—

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Bill to prevent illegal Settlements on Lands with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

The House took the said Amendments into Consideration and after some time spent therein came to the following Resolution—

RESOLVED That the farther Consideration of the said Amendments be referred 'till Thursday the twenty eighth day of March next—

A Bill to regulate a Market at Savannah was ordered to be carryed by Mr Johnson to the Council, and He was directed to acquaint them that this House agree to the Amendments made in the said Bill—

The Bill to divide the Province into Parishes passed

A Bill to divide this Province into Parishes was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Cuthbert do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence

The Bill to ascertain the Interest of Money passed.

A Bill to ascertain the Interest of Money in this Province, was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Martin do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence

The Augusta Bill passed.

A Bill for raising a Yearly Salary for the Minister of Augusta and for paying off what Money remains unpaid for erecting the Church there, and for finishing the

same, and to pay a Person for officiating as Clerk there, was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Jones do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence

A Message from the Governor by a Member of the Council—

Mr Speaker

His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House immediately in the Council Chamber—

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the House, went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber—

And being returned,

Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to assent to the following Bill

An Act for raising and Granting a Sum of Money to His Majesty for defraying the Expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Contingencies of Government—

The Tybee Light House Bill passed.

A Bill for raising a Fund for keeping the Light House on Tybee in Repair and for building a House there for the Use of the Pilot was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Powell do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence—

And then the House (by permission of the Governor) adjourned till to Morrow morning nine of the Clock

A True Copy

WILL^{m} LITTLE Clerk of the Assembly.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

GEORGIA Journal of the Assembly

Wednesday Feby 26th 1755.

The House met according to Adjournment—

The Warrant of Election was returned for the District of Great and Little Ogechee declaring Elisha Butler and Philip Delegal Esq^{rs} duely elected

The Warrant of Election was returned for the Town and District of Darien declaring John Mackintosh B Esqr duely elected

Mr Mackintosh was called upon to give his reasons for signing the Letter voted by this House to be of a seditious Nature

Mr. Mackintosh's Excuse for signing a Letter of a seditious nature.

And he said he did not apprehend the Tendancy of that Letter to be Seditious but only to call together some Freeholders to Petition for a new Election for Savannah and that if it had occasioned any Tumult he would have been amongst the first to Suppress it, that from his known Character he was always a Friend to Government in general and in particular was so heartily attached to the present Governor and Government that he was ready to hazard his Life and Fortune in defence of Them

And then he withdrew

The House took what he said into Consideration

not admitted.

RESOLVED That Mr Mackintosh's Excuse be not admitted and that he is incapable of serving in Assembly during this first Session—

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Bill entituled an Act for raising a Fund to defray the Expence of keeping the Light House on Tybee Island in Repair and for building a House there for the use of the Pilot with some Amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

And the House took the said Amendments into Consideration and agreed to some of them and made amendments of their own to others—

ORDERED That Mr Powell do acquaint the Council therewith

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Bill entitled an Act to regulate Fences in Georgia with some Amendment to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

And the House took the said Amendments into Consideration and agreed thereunto—

ORDERED That Mr Elliot do acquaint the Council therewith

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Bill entituled an Act for ascertaining the Interest of Money in the Province of Georgia without any amendments—

ORDERED That Mr Jones and Mr Ottolenghe do at-

tend his Excellency the Governor with Mr Delegal in order to his taking the Oaths

And they went accordingly—

Mr. Delegal takes the Oaths

And being returned Mr Jones reported that Mr Delegal had taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Abjuration Oath and had made and subscribed the Declaration before his Excellency

and his seat.

And then Mr Delegal took his Seat in the House as a Member of the Assembly

Message from the Council

A Message from the Council that they desire to know if the House of Representatives are willing that the Council should make Amendments in the Bill entituled an Act for raising a Yearly Salary for the Minister of Augusta and for paying off what remains unpaid for Erecting a Church there and for finishing the same and to pay a Person for Officiating as Clerk of the said Church which the Council consider as a Money Bill

And then the Messenger withdrew

The answer

ORDERED That Mr Cuthbert do acquaint the Council that the House consents that the Council may make any Amendments in the said Bill as this House does not look upon it as a Money Bill

Message from the Council

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Bill intituled an Act for securing the Money raised by the Public with some Amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House

And then the Messenger withdrew

The House took the said Amendments into Consideration and agreed to all but the last

The answer

ORDERED That Mr Johnson do acquaint the Council therewith.

Mr Johnson complained to the House that he at the delivering his Message had been checked in an unusual manner by One of the Members of the Council who told him these matters must be Settled by a Conference

The House took the said Complaint into Consideration

Message to the Council

ORDERED That Mr Tannatt do acquaint the Council that this House cannot help being surprized that one of their Members sent on a Message should be checked by a Member of the Council in a most unprecedented manner, that they do however agree to a Conference on the Amendment made in the last Clause of the Bill for securing the Money raised by the Public

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Thursday Feb. 27. 1755

The House met according to Adjournment

A Message from the Council

Mr Speaker

Message from the Council

The Council consent to enter on a Conference with (sic) a House of Representatives forthwith in a room adjoining to the Council Chamber on the Subject of the Bill for securing the Money raised by the Public

And the Council are willing to enter on a Conference with the House of Representatives on the Subject of the

Bill for raising a Yearly Salary for the Minister of Augusta &c which the Council consider as a Money Bill

And then the Messenger withdrew

The House took the said Message into Consideration

ORDERED That Mr Martin do carry to the Council the following answer

The answer

The House of Representatives have not desired any Conference as the Message last sent them by your House supposes but they are however now ready to confer with you on the Subject of the Bill for securing the Money raised by the Public, if it is your request; but as to the Augusta bill they have already agreed that you may make any Amendments in it you think proper—

Mr Johnson presented to the House (according to order) an Address to his Majesty in relation to the Fees of Public Offices and he read the same in his Place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read and agreed to by the House and is as followeth.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The humble Remonstrances and Address of the Assembly of Georgia

May it Please your Majesty

Address to his Majesty in relation to Fees.

We the Representatives for the Colony of Georgia in Assembly met beg leave to remonstrate to your most sacred Majesty: That the fixing and settling the Fees of the Public Officers of this your Majestys Colony being solely in the Power of the Governor and Council without the Concurrence and consent of the Assembly seems to us a great Hardship and may be attended with

Consequences hurtful to Our Constituents as it puts it entirely out of our Power to procure them any redress if ever they should have reason to complain on this Head; We therefore humbly pray your most sacred Majesty that the Fees of the Public Officers of this Colony may be settled by Act of General Assembly and not otherwise as is the Custom of all your Majestys other Provinces in America —

Mr Jones presented to the House (according to Order) an Address to his Majesty in relation to the Qualification of the Electors and Elected in General Assembly and he read the same in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks Table where the same was again read and agreed to by the House and is as followeth

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

We the House of Representatives of the Colony of Georgia beg leave to remonstrate to your Majesty

That by the Tenour of your most sacred Majestys Instructions to his Excellency the Governor We find that the Qualification of Electors for representatives in assembly is confined to a Freehold of fifty Acres of Land and the Qualification of Representatives to a Freehold of five hundred Acres and that the same may not be altered by any Law of this your Majestys Province

We therefore humbly beg leave to recommend to Your Royal Consideration, That the Inhabitants of this Province resident in Towns who have Buildings and Improvements on their Town Lotts equal in value to five hundred Acres of Land are not permitted to sit in Assembly and that the Freeholders of Town lotts liable to pay Tax toward the support of Government having no vote

for representatives may be detrimental to the Welfare of this your Majestys Province

We therefore your Majestys most Dutifull and Loyal Subjects humbly pray that we may enjoy the Privileges of the other Colonies in America by permitting the General Assembly of this Province to settle the Qualification of Representatives and the Qualification of Electors by such Laws as may most conduce to the Interest and Welfare of this your Majestys Province

RESOLVED That an humble address of this House be prepared to be presented to the Governor together with the foregoing remonstrances and Addresses (etc) to his Majesty and that a Committee be appointed for that purpose

And a Committee was appointed accordingly of the following Gentlemen

Mr Martin	Mr Cuthbert
Mr Jones	Mr Houstoun

They withdrew

And being returned Mr Martin reported that the Committee had prepared an Address which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED That the said Report be now received

And Mr Martin accordingly read the report in his place and afterward delivered it in at the Clerks Table where the same was read and agreed to by the House and is as followeth

To his Excellency &c &c

May it please Your Excellency

Address to the Governor

We present You with these Remonstrances and Addresses which we look upon to be of the utmost Consequence to this Province and if granted will be of great Advantage to the Inhabitants thereof and encourage Settlers to come amongst Us

We therefore beg your Excellency will be pleased to transmitt them as soon as possible and use your Interest in England that they may meet with Success

RESOLVED That the said Address be presented to his Excellency of Georgia by the whole House

ORDERED That Mr Martin and Mr Delegal do wait upon the Governor and desire to know when He will please to be attended by the House with their Address

They accordingly withdrew

And being returned Mr Martin reposed (sic) to the House that his Excellency had been pleased to say that he is now ready to receive the House and their Address

And accordingly Mr Speaker with the House went to Attend his Excellency—

And being returned Mr Speaker reported that the House had Attended his Excellency with their Address to which his Excellency was pleased to give this most kind answer

Gentlemen

The Governors answer

I will take Care to transmit the Remonstrances you have presented to me as soon as possible and use my

Interest in England that they may meet with Success according to your Desire

And then the House by Permission of the Governor (adjourned till Tuesday morning next nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Tuesday Mar: 4th 1755

The House met according to Adjournment

ORDERED That Mr Jones and Mr Martin do go with Mr Elisha Butler to attend his Excellency and take the State Oaths

And they withdrew accordingly

Mr. Butler takes the Oaths

And being returned Mr Jones reported that Mr Butler had taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and Abjuration, and had made and subscribed the Declaration before his Excellency the Governor

and his seat

And Mr Butler took his Seat as a Member of the Assembly

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Wednesday Mar: 5th 1755

The House met according to Adjournment

RESOLVED That John Sellea be discharged from his Attendance as Door keeper to this House and that he

be allowed five Pounds for his Services during this Session

RESOLVED That Hugh Ross be allowed Twenty Pounds ℔ annum for his Yearly attendance as Messenger on the Service of this House—

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Thursday Mar: 6th 1755

The House met according to Adjournment

RESOLVED That William Gray Esqr being duly returned as Elected for the Town and District of Frederica by Warrant of Election dated January 31st last and having not appeared to take his Seat or made any Excuse for his Absence and the said Town and District being thereby deprived of a Person to represent them in General Assembly be expelled this House

RESOLVED That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor to desire he will be pleased to give directions to the Provost Marshal to Issue out a Warrant of Election of a Member to serve for the Town and District of Frederica in the room of William Gray Esqr who is Expelled for Contempt of the House—

ORDERED That Mr Powell and Mr Johnson do present the said Address

They withdrew accordingly—

And being returned Mr Powell reported that Mr Johnson and himself had attended the Governor and presented

the said Address and that His Excellency had been pleased to answer that he would give directions accordingly

ORDERED That the Clerk of the Assembly do make out Copies of the Tax Bill to be sent to the Commissioners of the several Districts

ORDERED That the Clerk of the Assembly do make out faithful Abstracts of the Road Bill to be sent to the Surveyors of the several Districts, so far only as relates to the Duties of the respective Surveyors

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Fryday Mar. 7th 1755

The House met according to Adjournment

The Warrant of Election for the Town and District of Augusta was returned declaring John Rae Esqr duely elected

Mr. Rae takes the Oaths

ORDERED That Mr Jones and Mr Houstoun do go with Mr Rae to attend his Excellency and take the State Oaths

They withdrew accordingly

And being returned Mr Jones reported that Mr Rae had taken the Oaths of Allegiance and supremacy and Abjuration Oath, and had made and subscribed the Declaration before his Excellency the Governor—

and his seat

And then Mr Rae took his Seat as a Member of the Assembly

A Message from the Governor by a Member of the Council

Mr Speaker

Message from the Governor

His Excellency requires this House to attend him immediately in the Council Chamber

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the House went up to Attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber where his Excellency was pleased to assent to the following Bills

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Acts assented to

An Act for the better ordering and Governing Negroes and other Slaves in this Province

An Act Declaring it high Treason to Counterfeit His Majesty's Seal of this Province

An Act For raising a Fund for keeping the Lighthouse on Tybee Island in repair and for Building a House there for the use of the Pilot

An Act For Ascertaining the Interest of Money in the Province of Georgia

An Act To Empower the several Surveyors hereafter named to lay out Public Roads in the Province of Georgia

An Act For Establishing a Market in the Town of Savannah and to prevent Forestalling, Ingrossing and unjust Exactions in the said Town and Market

An Act To Prevent Fraudulent Deeds and Conveyances.

An Act To regulate Fences in the Province of Georgia

After which his Excellency was pleased to make an Affectionate Speech to both Houses as followeth

Gentlemen of the Council and of the Assembly

The Dispatch You have given to the Public Business induces me to give you that recess which the Care of your Private Affairs at this Season of the Year requires

Gentlemen of the Assembly

The Sum of Money You have directed to be raised towards defraying the Expence of some Contingencys of Government tho very small and inadequate to the good Purposes intended is however a Proof of your Inclination to Conform to his Majestys Instructions as far as your Circumstances will admit of— There are some Men (very few I hope and they of desperate fortunes) who dislike the Government here merely because it is a Government for their only View is Anarchy and Confusion They have gone about to Poison the Minds of the People with groundless Jealousies and false insinuations, Let it be your Care in your several Districts, to frustrate their wicked Intentions by undeceiving the Deluded and Misled that this Colony may be united and happy

If any Unforeseen Event should require your immediate Advice and Assistance I shall notwithstanding any Prorogation, call you together by Proclamation, to which I make no doubt, You will pay true regard and I do therefore Prorogue this Assembly to Wednesday the seventh day of January next—

A true Copy

WILL^{m} LITTLE Clk
of the Assembly

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Monday February 2d 1756.

The following Members appeared according to Proclamation.

For Savannah

Joseph Ottolinghe } Esqrs
Edmund Tannatt }

For Augusta

David Douglass Esqr Speaker

For Ebenezer

James Deveaux Esqr

For Abercorn and Goshen

Lewis Johnson Esqr

For Acton

Noble Wimberly Jones Esqr

For Vernonbourgh

James Houston Esqr

For Great and Little OGeeche

Elisha Butler Esqr

For Midway

John Elliott Esqr

For the Sea Islands

Henry Yonge Esqr

A Message from the Governor by the Provost Marshall.

Mr Speaker

The Governor in His Majesty's Name commands the Attendance of this House immediately in the Council Chamber

The House went accordingly and being returned Mr Speaker reported that he with the House had attended the Governor when his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech of which He (Mr Speaker) to prevent Mistakes had Obtained a Copy

And Mr Speaker read his Excellency's Speech— as follows—

Gentlemen of the Council and of the Assembly

It is with great Pleasure I meet you here as I have Reason to hope from your Conduct last Session that your Proceedings now will be such as may give Life and Spirit to the Friends of this Colony and defeat the restless Ill-will of all its Enemies; What I have principally to recommend to You is the making a Provision for defraying the Expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and that you do it in so effectual a manner and with such a Penalty on the Assessors for the non-performance of their Duty that your good Intentions may not be for the future as they were in a great measure last Year, disappointed. The Administration of Justice is so essentially necessary to the very Being of Society that this in my Opinion ought to engage your first Attention and regard, and when this is done, I have Nothing to ask for my self, but shall be ready to assent to every thing you can Offer for the Interest of this Country, for my sole view is to contribute my Endeavours to make you a flourishing and happy Colony—

The Interview with the Indians at Augusta has made the Opening of this Session very late which I hope will

induce You to all possible Unanimity and Dispatch and to avoid all manner of Disputes and Differences that we may all Act with a general and hearty Concurrence in promoting the common Good—

RESOLVED That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address of Thanks to His Excellency.

ORDERED That Mr Ottolinghe, Mr Yonge, Mr Johnson, Mr Butler and Mr Deveaux be the said Committee and that they report the same to the House.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Tuesday February 3d 1756.

The House met according to Adjournment

Mr Butler reported from the Committe appointed to draw up an Address to the Governor to thank him for his Speech, that the Committe (sic) had prepared an Address accordingly which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDER'D That the said report be now received—

And Mr Butler read accordingly the Report in his Place and afterwards deliver'd it in at the Clerks Table where the same was read and is as followeth.

To His Excellency John Reynolds Esqr Captain General and Governor in chief of His Majesty's Colony of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same.

We His Majesty's Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Colony of Georgia in Assembly met beg leave to

return our sincere and hearty thank's for your Excellency's affectionate Speech deliver'd to us at the Opening of this Session

It Gives us Great Pleasure that our Conduct last Session has met with your Excellency's Approbation and as we are now come together again with the same sincere Intentions of serving our Country as animated our endeavours in our late Proceedings so we flatter ourselves that by a steady Adherence to the same Principles in all our future conduct we shall be so happy as still to merit the Applause of your Excellency and of all the sincere Friends of this Colony and effectually frustrate the wicked Machination of all its Enemies—

We are very sensible that the regular Administration of Justice is a Matter of the highest Importance and therefore look upon it as our indispensible Duty to give all the Assistance in our Power towards the support of it, by making such Provision for it as we shall Judge consistant with the Abilities of our Constituents, but such are the present circumstances of the greatest number of the Inhabitants of this Infant Colony, as renders the Levying even a small Tax extremely difficult; to which cause we chiefly attribute any Defficiency there may be in collecting last years Assessment rather than to any wilfull Neglect of the Collectors or Assessors

We thank you, Sir, for the Assurances you are pleased to give us of your readiness to Assent to whatever we shall propose for the Public good; We on our part shall be carefull to Offer Nothing to your Excellency but what shall appear to us to have a direct Tendency to that End

As the Season is now so far advanced we shall by close Application to Business and we hope by unanimity

in all our proceedings make the greatest Dispatch that the Importance of the Affairs which will necessarily come before us will admit of; And we Assure your Excellency that it is our sincere Intention heartily to co-operate with you in what we doubt not is your sole View, the Rendering this a happy and flourishing Colony

The said report being read a second time was agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the said Address be ingrossed

ORDERED That the Messenger do go to the Provost Marshall and acquaint him that it is the House's Order that he do attend the House with the Return of the Warrants of Election.

The Provost Marshall attended accordingly and Inform'd the House that the last Writ was not yet fully executed but that he would return such Warrants as he had received—

ORDERED That the Messenger do go to the Secretary and acquaint him that it is the House's Order that he do attend with such Writs of Election as have been returned into his Office since last Session.

He attended accordingly and presented the same to the House

RESOLVED That a committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed—

And a Committee was appointed accordingly— the following Gentlemen

Mr Tannatt	Mr Butler
Mr Rae	Mr Houston
Mr Johnson	

The Clerk applied for leave to appoint a Deputy to act in his Place during his absence, which was accordingly granted him and Mr Matt: Roche was by him appointed his Assistant; and Deputy in his Absence by Permission of the House—

RESOLVED That the Clerk shall take an Oath of Office when a Precedent can be found—

The Clerk acquainted the House that he had ingrossed the Address to His Excellency which was read

RESOLVED That Mr Lewis Johnson and Mr Henry Yonge do waite upon His Excellency to know when and where he will be pleased to receive the same—

Mr Tannatt acquainted the House that the Committee of Privileges and Elections were ready to give in their Report

ORDERED That the said Report be now received—

And Mr Tannatt read accordingly the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table where the same was read and is as follows.

"Upon Examination of the return of the Warrant for "the Election of a Member to serve in Assembly for the "Town and District of Hallifax it appears that Edward "Barnard Esqr is returned to serve in Assembly to repre-"sent the said Town and District and that it also appears "that there is an Arrasement in the return of the name "of the Representative, and of the Date, And that the "Warrant was dated the 15th day of January 1755 and "not returned 'till Octor 15th following tho' directed to "be returned without Delay

"RESOLVED That is (sic) the Oppinion of the Committee

"Nem: Con: that the return for the Town and District of "Hallifax is undue

"Upon Examination of the Writ and Return of the "Warrant for the Election of a Member to serve in As-"sembly for the Town and District of Frederica it ap-"pears that James Maxwell Esqr is returned to serve in "Assembly as the Representative of that Town and Dis-"trict

"RESOLVED That it is the Oppinion of the Commit-"tee that James Maxwell Esqr is duely chosen and re-"turn'd."

RESOLVED That the said Report is the Sense of the whole House

A Message from the Council

Mr Speaker·

The Council desire the House of Representatives will inform them what is become of two bills, one for establishing and regulating of Patrolls in this Province; and the other to prevent the illegal Settling of Lands in the Province of Georgia; Both of which were return'd to your House, after the Council had agreed to your amendments and past the last Session, and neither of which notwithstanding were ever presented to His Excellency the Governor for His Assent

And then the House Adjourned'till to morrow morning nine °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Wednesday February 4th 1756

The House met according to Adjournment

Mr Johnson reported to the House that Mr Yonge and himself had (pursuant to their Order) attended the Governor and delivered the Message to His Excellency and that his Excellency had been pleased To say that He is now ready to receive the House with their Address

And accordingly Mr Speaker with the House went to attend the Governor

And being return'd Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended the Governor when He (Mr Speaker) presented their Address to His Excellency to which his Excellency had been pleased to give an answer to the following Effect

Gentlemen

I thank you for your kind Address and shall readily concur with you in every thing you propose for the common Good which I shall always have in View —

The Provost Marshall returned the Warrant of Election for Savannah *declaring Charles Watson duely Elected.*

erased

As Also

The Warrant of Election for Ebenezer *declaring John Barnard duely Elected*

erased

ORDERED That the same be referr'd to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to secure the Payment of Debts by an Attachment Act and Mr Tannatt and Mr Johnson do prepare and bring in the same

Motion being made and the Question put that the Message from the Council sent yesterday be taken now into Consideration

It passed in the Negative

ORDERED That the consideration of the said Message be post-poned

RESOLVED That a Committee of this House be appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council concerning the French People lately landed in this Province from Nova Scotia

And a Committee was appointed accordingly of the following Gentlemen

Mr Deveaux	Mr Butler
Mr Johnson	Mr Yonge
Mr Cuthbert	

ORDERED That Mr Johnson do acquaint the Council therewith

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Regulations in the Court of Request and that Mr Ottolinghe Mr Jones Mr Elliot & Mr Delegale do prepare and bring in the same

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Thursday February 5th 1756

The House met according to Adjournment

Mr Johnson acquainted the House that he waited upon the Council and delivered the Message

ORDERED That Mr Cuthbert be added to the Gentlemen appointed to bring in an Attachment Act—

ORDERED That the Clerk do write Letters to the absent members to acquaint them that the House expects their immediate Attendance and that the same be sent as soon as possible

RESOLVED That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor to desire he will be pleased to issue out a Writ for the Election of a member to serve in Assembly for the Town and District of Hallifax in the room of Edward Barnard whose Election is found to be undue

And the said Address was drawn up accordingly

ORDERED That Mr Jones and Mr Delagal do attend and present to His Excellency the Governor the said Address.

A Message from the Council

The Council having sent to the House of Representatives on the 3d Instant a Message on an affair of Importance to which no answer has yet been returned cannot concur with you in any Business 'till they have had an answer thereto; Except in the Passing of a Bill recommended by His Excellency the Governor for making

Provision for defraying the Expenses of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer.

Motion being made and the Question put that the former Message be taken into consideration at three °Clock this afternoon.

It passed in the affirmative

A Message from the Governor

Mr Speaker

I do hereby adjourn the House of Representatives for this Province 'till thursday next the twelfth Instant.

Given under my Hand at
Savannah this fifth day of Febry 1756.

Signed J. REYNOLDS.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Thursday February 12th 1756.

The House met according to Adjournment

A Message from the Governor

Mr Speaker

I desire you will inform the House that it appears to me from the Journal that they have neglected to admit the members elected to fill the Vacancies in the House, against whom there is no Objection or Complaint from the District for which they were return'd nor any Petition from any other Candidate which is a very unjustifiable Proceeding, not only as it is irregular in Point of form, and an Attack upon the Liberty of the Subject, but as

it is a Contempt of the Authority His Majesty has been pleased to invest me with, to take care that the Assembly consist of Nineteen Members and that this number be not enlarg'd or diminish'd, It was apparent to me that it was not compleat by the promotion of two Members and the Refusal of one to serve who had never Qualified (which was signified to me in Council under the Hand of the said Member) and therefore I caused the proper Writ to be issued in the King's Name to compleat the number of the Assembly as I am authorized and commanded by His Majesty so to do. To proceed upon Public Business without admitting all the members would be robbing their Constituents of their undoubted Right of being consulted in their Representatives and consequently an Attack upon their Liberty

I take this Occasion farther to inform the House that the Ministry have acquainted me that they are concerned to find by the Journals that this Assembly have laid such early Claims to Privileges and Powers which though of long Usage enjoyed by some other Assemblies, are inconsistent with all Colony Constitution whatever, contrary to the practice of the Mother Country in like Cases and to the Express direction of His Majesty's Commission by which alone this Assembly is Constituted; Therefore as a true Friend to this Colony I earnestly advise the House to recede from these unwarrantable claims and Pretensions, and immediately admit the members now returned; without which they cannot expect I shall deem any thing they do valid.

I further recommend that Application be made for Writs to fill the three other vacant Seats that the wholl province may be represented (for in the whole there are six Vacancies, very near a third part of the House) and that in the mean time they adhere to a very wise and equitable resolution made by themselves last session that

"No Bill be passed; no Resolution taken, no order given but by the unanimous consent of ten members, which number is an undeniable Majority even when the House is full; and that for the general Satisfaction the same be now as it was then made Publick

Signed J: REYNOLDS

12th ffebruary 1756.

To the Speaker of the Assembly.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address in Answer to His Excellency the Governor on the said Message and that they have Power to send for Persons and Papers.

a Committee was appointed accordingly of the following Gentlemen

Mr Rae	Mr Cuthbert
Mr Tannatt	Mr Butler
Mr Johnson	

A Letter directed to William Little Esqr (Clerk of this House) in answer to a letter he had sent by order of the House was read in the following Words.

Sr

My Health nor the present afflicted State of my Family will permit me to accept of the Honour the Freeholders of Savannah have offer'd to me of representing them in Assembly whereof please to inform the House

I am Sir

Your very humble Servant

PATRICK MACKAY.

12th February 1756.

RESOLVED That His Excuse be admitted.

ORDERED That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor to desire he will be pleased to issue out a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in Assembly for the Town and District of Savannah in the room of Patrick Mackay who declines serveing on account of His ill State of Health

And the said Address was drawn up accordingly

ORDERED That Mr Yonge and Mr Elliott do attend and present to His Excellency the Governor the said Address.

ORDERED That the Clerk enter the Minutes of the House fair in the Journals against the next meeting and for the future that he enter the Minutes daily.

Motion was made that any Person upon Application to the Clerk of this House may peruse the Journals of the same Gratis and have a Coppy of them certified by the Clerk upon paying him a Fee of four pence ℔ Coppy Sheet

And the House Adjourned 'till to to morrow morning nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Friday February 13th 1756.

The House met according to Adjournment

The Clerk being called upon to enter and read the minutes of the House, represented that he thought it his Duty to enter nothing 'till the members returned duly elected and who were now in Town, were admitted; the Governor having declared that he will not look upon any thing done as valid 'till they are admitted

ORDERED That he should withdraw

The Clerk being withdrawn

Motion was made that as the Clerk of this House had in a very contemptuous manner refused contrary to an Express Order of the House to read the Minutes or to enter any thing in the Journal agreeable to the Directions of the House; another should be appointed to Act in his Room

It passed in the Affirmative

And Mr Roche was accordingly appointed—

The Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor on the Message sent yesterday acquainted the House that they were ready to give in the same if the House was ready to receive it

Mr Tannatt read the same and deliver'd it at the

Clerk's table which was Read by order of the House and is as follows,

May it Please your Excellency,

Having taken into Consideration your Excellency's Message to us Yesterday, We humbly beg leave to inform your Excellency that in regard to not having as yet admitted the members Elected to fill up the Vacancies in our House it will we hope appear from the following facts not to have proceeded from any neglect on our part, for that the first day we met and greatest part of the second was taken up on matters of Form as is usual, That on the second Day a Committee was appointed to examine into the Rights of Election who made a Report to the House next morning in consequence of which an Address was presented to your Excellency desiring a Writ may be issued to Elect a Member to represent the Town and District of Hallifax in place of Mr Edward Barnard who was found to be unduly Elected, with which your Excellency was pleased to comply; and that we did not get the returns for those Members your Excellency complains we neglected to Admit till Wednesday in the afternoon though Applications had been made to the Secretary and Provost Marshall for such Writs and Warrants as were return'd into their Offices, And lastly —that the said Committee sat that very afternoon and next morning upon those Returns, but by an unexpected Adjournm^t of the House for seven Days as soon as we met in the Afternoon a Stop was put to any farther Proceedings—

We should be sorry that any part of our Conduct was such as might give the smallest Grounds of Suspicion that we intended either to Abridge the Liberty's of our Representatives or offer the least Contempt to the Authority His Gracious Majesty has been pleased to Invest

you with; both of which it has been our constant endeavour to support as is well known to your Excellency from our Behaviour last Session which then met with your Approbation; And as we are humbly of Opinion that a Committee to enquire into the Rights of Election is not only the first step in point of form, but also the surest Method of securing to the Subject the essential Privilege of being fairly represented which it is our proper Business to take care of; We are greatly at a loss to know which of our Proceedings in this Affair has the least Tendency either to Augment or diminish the number of Representatives directed by His Majesty to serve in Assembly—

That your Excellency knew of Vacancies in the House we have no room to Doubt, but we are humbly of Opinion that Writs are never issued in such cases but in consequence of an Application from the House which could not be made during a Recess.

We agree with your Excellency that the refusing to admit any Member when found to be duely Elected and Qualified would be injuring the constituents which we are confident cannot be laid justly to our charge, but we humbly conceive that the Business of the Country ought not to be stopt for want of a few members when there is a number sufficient to make a House; We had flattered ourselves from your Excellency's speech at the Opening of this Session that our former conduct was approved of, but we are much concern'd to find that our endeavours to procure for our constituents such Privileges as other Collonies enjoy has met with Ministers disapprobation especially as your Excellency was pleased to promise to back our Remonstrances on these Heads both with your Public and private Interest. We are not conscious of having ask'd any thing unconstitutional nor contrary to the practice of our Mother Country in such cases whose Example we would gladly copy in every respect

We will proceed without delay in the matters recommended to us by your Excellency and comply with your Requests so far as we can with Justice to our Constituents—

The resolution referred to by your Excellency was taken in consequence of nine members having absented themselves from the House and as we had reason to believe with a design to break it, which resolution was to continue only during their absence and as there is now a sufficient number to make a House we can see no Reason to Adhere to it—especially as it would greatly retard Business

Motion was made that the same should be enter'd into the Journals and ingrossed which was carried in the Affirmative. Nem. Con.

Mr Yonge and Mr Elliott having waited upon His Excellency the Governor by order of the House; His Excellency was pleased to Answer to the following Effect Vizt—

That he will receive no message from the House or Look upon anything Valid that may be done by them 'till the purport of His Message to them be Comply'd with and 'till the Elected members mentioned therein be admitted into the House.

A Message from the Governor

Mr Speaker

I do hereby adjourn the House of Representatives 'till Thursday next the Nineteenth Instant.

Given under my Hand at Savannah
the thirteenth day of February 1756.

Signed J. Reynolds.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 35.)

Thursday February 19. 1756—

The House met according to Adjournment

A Message from the Governor by the Provost Marshall

Mr Speaker

The Governor in His Majesty's name commands the Attendance of this House immediately in the Council Chamber

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the House went up to Attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber where His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

At the Opening of this Session I had great Hopes that your whole Attention would have been engaged in framing some usefull Laws conformable to the Constitution of this Infant Colony and to this end I recommended to you the avoiding all disputes and Dissensions. It gives me great concern to find you have followed quite a contrary method. My Real regard to the Good of the Province induced me by short adjournments to rectify your Mistakes, which I particularly pointed out to you in a Message I sent to the House on the 12th Instant; but your persisting to deny Admittance to the Members returned on the King's Writ duely elected; your continuing to act irregularly as a House notwithstanding my Adjournment; Your keeping afterwards the Speaker in the Chair by Violence and compelling him to sign a Paper during the adjournment, some private Members

seizing the Clerk's books and refusing to Deliver them upon my written Order for my inspection, whence I have great reason to Suspect their making Erasements and Alterations and then calling them the Minutes of the Assembly are Proceedings of so Dangerous a Tendency and so great an Insult Offer'd to His Majesty's Authority that I can no longer concur with you in anything and am under the Necessity of Dissolving this General Assembly; and you are Dissolved accordingly—

A true Copy

W. LITTLE C^lk of the Assembly

The Declaration and Protest of David Douglass Speaker of the Assembly in Georgia made at Savannah the 16th Day of February Anno Domini 1756—

That on Friday last being the 13th Instant about Elleven of the Clock in the forenoon as he was in the Chair in the Assembly room there came a Message to the House from His Excellency the Governor who being Admitted read to this Effect "Mr Speaker I Adjourn the House untill Thursday the 19th Instant sign'd John Reynolds" and then reach'd the paper to me and retired As I took hold of it and was going to rise it was seized in my hand by one of the Members who said I should not get it or should not read it or Words to that Effect. I strugled for it, for some time but was Obliged to Yield it Otherwise it would have been torn I then stood up and declared that I thought I had no Right to set there as I was firmly persuaded the House was adjourned and that nothing that could be done after would be deem'd Valid and therefore would leave the Chair then all or most of them arose up and said they would Oblige me to keep the Chair that I had no right to leave it without the consent of the House, That the House was not or

could not be adjourned untill the Message was given in at the Clerks table Read by him and then adjourned by the Speaker that they would set and Oblige me to set untill Twelve of the Clock at night if the Business that was then on hand was not finished before Many times afterwards I rose in order to leave the chair and told them over and over that I could not set or Act longer that we was no sitting Assembly that every thing must be void that we did, but was always Obliged to set down again They appointed Several Committees I refused to chuse the Members they chuse them themselves They did Several other Things but I had no hand in them I kept silent, They read and past a paper to address to his Excellency and offer'd it to me to sign which I absolutely refused (as I thought the Assembly was adjourned) But they told me in a Commanding and Peremtory manner Sir you shall sign it we will Oblige you to sign it you have no Right Sir to refuse to sign any thing that passes this House I again told them I did not look upon this as a House at present but all I could say was to no purpose I was Obliged to sign it tho' I Publickly declare at the same time that I was forced to do it that it was intirely Contrary to my inclinations.

I do therefore Protest against all the Actings and Proceedings of the Assembly as a House after the Governors Message was read and I Do Declare that I did not agree or consent to any one of them (untill they thought proper to cause the Clerk to read the adjournment which was about four of the Clock P. M.) and that all I did was by compulsion and wholly against my Will Witness my hand at Savannah aforesaid Day and Year above Written.—

Signed. DA: DOUGLASS

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

A true Copy of the Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia in the first Session of the Second General Assembly of the said Province from the Tenth day of January One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven to the seventeenth day of ffebruary in the same Year Taken from the Original, Examined & Compared by

THO^s BURRINGTON

Clerk of the Commons House
of Assembly

GEORGIA

Secretarys Office

A true Copy taken from the Orig^l
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JAMES WHITEFIELD D Sec^y

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday the 10th January 1757.

The House met according to Adjournment

And then the House Adjourn'd till to
morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday the 11th January 1757.

The House met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Preceding Day were read.

ORDERED That all Committees be revived—

Mr DeVeaux reported from the Committee appointed to take into consideration that part of His Excellency's Speech relating to the Opening a Post office that they had received a Letter from the Post Master of South Carolina Acquainting them that he could not furnish them with the Lights Apply'd for, having yet made no Application to the Assembly, but would advise them to have Recourse to an Act of Parliament past in the Ninth Year of Queen Ann.

The Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in Assembly from Ebenezer was return'd declaring David Montaigut Esquire duly Elected—

ORDERED, That Mr Francis and Mr Milledge do go with Mr Montiagut (sic) to attend His Excellency the Governor in Order to his taking the Oaths—

They withdrew accordingly and being returned they Reported that Mr Montaigut had taken and Subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Oath of Abjuration and made and Subscribed the Declaration—

Then Mr Montaigut took his seat as a Member of the Assembly—

The Writ of Election for Electing a Member to serve

in Assembly for Great and Little oGeeche was return'd declaring Philip Delagale Esqr duly Elected—

ORDERED, That Mr Elliott and Mr Morell do go with Mr Delagale to attend His Excellency the Governor in order to His taking the Oaths—

They withdrew accordingly and being returned they Reported that Mr Delagale had taken and Subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Oath of Abjuration, and made and Subscribed the Declaration—

Then Mr Delagale took his Seat as a Member of the Assembly—

ORDERED That Mr Montaigut do carry the Bill to the Council for Explaining and amending an Act to impower the several Surveyors hereafter Named, to lay out publick Roads in the Province of Georgia and to desire their Concurrence—

ORDERED That Mr Delagale do carry the Bill to the Council to prevent any Person from trading or encouraging of any Indians to come within the Settlements of this Province and desire their Concurrence—

A Message from the Council—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

The Upper House desires the House of Representa tives will send them the Original Copy of the Act Intitled an Act for declaring and Establishing the Method of drawing and Summoning Jurors in the province of Georgia—

And then the Messenger withdrew

The above Message being taken into consideration the House came to the following Resolution—

RESOLVED That the following Message be sent to the Council—

Mr President and Gentlemen

The Assembly think your Request of the Original Copy of the Act for drawing and Summoning Jurors in your Message of this Day Irregular and unparliamentary and cannot therefore Comply therewith—

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning Nine °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday the 12th January 1757.

The House met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Preceding Day being read

Mr Ewen Reported from the Committé appointed to inquire into the State of this Province.

That Your Committé has proceeded on the said Inquiry but cannot compleat an exact State of the same without the Examination of the Minutes and Journals of the late President and Assistants, also the Letters from the said Trustees to their Secretary in this Province, and His Answers thereto—

Your Committé therefore hopes the House will Address his Excellency that He will give Directions to the proper Officers to Lay the same before the House—

The House took the said Report into consideration and after some debate thereon the Previous Question was

Put whether this House has a right to Apply for such papers—

It passed in the Affirmative—

Then the Question was put that the House do Address His Excellency in Pursuance of the Report of the Committé—

And an Address was drawn up accordingly in the following Terms—

May it Please Your Excellency.

The Assembly having Appointed a Committé to inquire into the State of this Province, do in Consequence of a Report from them desire You will be pleased to give directions to the Proper Officers to lay before this House the Minutes & Journals of the late President and Assistants, as also the Letters from the Trustees to their Secretary in this Province, with his Answers thereto as far Back as two Years before the Surrender of the Charter—

Mr Delagale and Mr Jones moved that they might have leave to dissent from the Address this Day Voted to the Governor

A Message from the Council—

The Upper House are well satisfied that they have an undoubted Right to peruse any papers that concern the Publick Especially what hath passed their House and have therefore Appointed a Committe to Examine the Original Copy of a Bill Intitled an Act for declaring and Establishing the Method of Drawing and Summoning Jurors in the Province of Georgia as they apprehend the Act Assented To by His Excellency the Governor is not Correspondent with the Original Copy pass'd by this

House.—Ordered That Mr Habersham, Mr Powell & Mr Read be a Committé for that Purpose—

The House took the said Message into Consideration and came to the following Resolution—

RESOLVED That the Committee therein Named be Admitted into the House to examine the Papers they desire if they think Proper—

They came accordingly and upon Examination it appeared that the Alterations (except some literal mistakes) made in the Act Assented To, were made by the House, and as it appeared to them with the Concurrence of the Council, but as through haste in engrossing some other Errors may have arisen—

ORDERED That Mr Watson and Mr Elliott do in Conjunction with a Committé of the Council examine the said Bill and Report their Opinion to the House—

ORDERED—That Mr Francis have Leave to make a Motion it being near three of the Clock—

And he Moved the House accordingly—

And then the House Adjourn'd till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday the 13th January 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read

ORDERED that Mr Butler and Mr Montaigut do pre-

sent the Address to His Excellency the Governor drawn up Yesterday and Signed by Mr Speaker—

They withdrew accordingly and being return'd Mr Butler Reported that His Excellency had been pleased to answer he would give Directions accordingly—

RESOLVED that this House will on Saturday morning next examine the publick accounts given into the Clerk of this House

ORDERED That a Committe be appointed to inquire of the Printer in South Carolina what the expence will be for the Printing of the several Laws of this Province, And that Mr DeVeaux Mr Butler and Mr Watson be the said Committé—

A Message from the Council—

with a Memorial from Henry Yonge Esqr the Acting Surveyor General of his Majesty's Lands in the said Province was read setting forth that divers Tracts and parcels of Land, Town Lotts, Garden and Farm Lotts within the Townships of Savannah and other Townships in this Province remains unimproved and Uncultivated, the Original Proprietors and their Heirs being either dead or Left the Province, and the Lands so lying Waste prevents others from taking up and Improving them and it is a great disadvantage to the effectual settling of this His Majesty's Colony, That it may be Necessary to Ascertain the Bounds of the common belonging to the Town of Savannah and part of it may well be spared to inlarge the Town by which means its Inhabitants would soon encrease, many Persons being inclined to Build that cant for the reasons before urged, and no Lotts being Vacant, That the Bounds of this Province on the Sea Coast is small and the greatest part of the front Lands already taken up, and many Tracts held as before repre-

sented by Persons not Residents in the Province (and that have never Cultivated or Improved any part of them) whereby People of Fortune and Interest are prevented from becoming Inhabitants as they will not immediately set down upon Back Lands, That he further begs leave to Observe that three of the most Valuable Sea Islands in this Province containing near thirty thousand Acres, besides other large Quantitys of Land sufficient for a number of settlements are claimed by one Person upon an Indian Title, and should this prove Justifiable, it is greatly detrimental to the Colony and retards its increase, It may therefore not be improper to prevent the future bad Consequences of such Claims, Monopoly of His Majesty's Lands the State of which he thinks it his Indispensible Duty to Lay before the House and humbly Submits the same to their Consideration—

The House took the said Memorial into Consideration and after some time spent therein came to the following Resolution

RESOLVED That Application be made to the Surveyor General that he particularly point out the several Tracts and parcels of Land Town Lotts, Garden and Farm Lotts, within the Township of Savannah and other Townships in this Province, which are unimproved and Uncultivated and who the Original Proprietors are, And that he also Lay before this House a particular account of the Front Lands represented to be held by Persons not Resident in the Province that inquiry may be made into the Validity of their respective Titles—

ORDERED That the further Consideration of the said Memorial be refferr'd.

A Message from the Council

That they have agreed to the Bill Intitled an Act to

hinder Marriners Contracting Debts and Committing other Irregularities with some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday the 14th January 1757—

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Preceeding Day were read

The Secretary Attended and laid before this House the Minutes of the Late President and Assistants—

ORDERED That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor—

And an Address was drawn up accordingly in the following Terms.

May it Please Your Excellency.

The Secretary of the Province having this Day in Obedience to an Order from your Excellency laid before this House, the Minutes of the late President and Assistants The Assembly finds that they have been misunderstood in the Letters they desire to see, for far from Assuming any Right to Look into Private Correspondence, they want only the Inspection of the Publick Letters sent to the late Board of President and Assistants which they hope your Excellency will be pleased to give Directions to be laid before them

ORDERED That Mr Milledge and Mr Morel do Present the said Address

They withdrew accordingly and being return'd Mr Morel reported that His Excellency was pleased to say he would give Directions accordingly—

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council, to the Bill Intitled an Act to hinder Mariners from Contracting Debts, and committing other Irregularities and agreed to some without any amendments of their own, Made amendments to others and Disagreed to some.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen do acquaint the Council therewith—

Motion, was made and the question put, that the Affair of the late Association be taken into the consideration of this House—

it Passed in the Affirmative—

The House took the said matter into consideration accordingly and after some time spent thereon came to the following resolution

RESOLVED That whoever advised the Governor to encourage an Association in Consequence of a Letter entered in the Minutes of the first Assembly and Signed Charles Watson, Mark Carr, John Farmur John Harn, Edward Gray, John Mackintosh and Willm Bray did it with a Bad and Sinister design to Stigmatize those Members and many well intentioned Persons in the Colony to make themselves Necessary and thereby secure all places of Trust, Power, and Proffit to themselves since it appears that the sole View of that Letter was only to procure a fair Hearing in a disputed Election—

ORDERED That the Minutes of the late President and Assistants be reffer'd to the Committé appointed to enquire into the State of this Province—

ORDERED That Mr Jones be Added to the Committé appointed to inspect the Jury Act, and that they do give in their report to morrow morning.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday the 15th January 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Preceeding Day were read.

The Order of the Day being read, Mr Elliot reported from the Committé appointed to Inspect into the Jury Bill That in Consequence of their Enquiry they have found it Necessary to prepare a Bill to explain and amend the defects, that through haste and inadvertance have happened in the ingrossing the said Bill and that they are now ready if the House please to present the same.

ORDERED That the said Bill be now received.

The said Bill was read the first time and Ordered to be read the second time—

ORDERED That the surveyor General do attend this House Immediately—

He attended accordingly when Mr Speaker by order of the House Acquainted Him that the House expects

that He will lay before them a particular and Distinct account of the several Facts alledged in His Memorial—

He informed the House that it would require time to do a Work of that Nature, but that he engaged to compleat it on or before Thursday next with which the House was satisfied

ORDERED That the Publick accounts to be refferred to the consideration of the Committé already appointed to examine the Same.

The Bill to explain and amend an Act Intitled an Act for declaring and establishing the Method of drawing and Summoning Jurors in the Province of Georgia was read the second time and Committed.

ORDERED That the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

And then the House Adjourned 'till Monday morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday the 17th January 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read.

The Order of the Day was read for the Bill to explain and amend an Act Intitled an Act for declaring and establishing the Method of drawing and Summoning Jurors in the Province of Georgia to be read the third time—.

And the Bill was read the third time accordingly

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED That Mr Francis do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

Motion was made and the Question put that the Committe appointed to inquire into the State of this Province, have power to send for Persons and Papers.

It Passed in the Affirmative

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday the 18th January 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Preceeding Day were read.

The Committé appointed to Examine the Publick accounts given into the Clerk of this House gave in their Report

The House took the said report into consideration and after some time spent thereon.

RESOLVED That the further Consideration of the said Report be Refferr'd 'till to morrow morning—

A Message from the Council

Mr Speaker & Gentlemen

The Upper House desire a Conference of both Houses to be Conducted by Managers on the amendments made by this House to a Bill Intitled an Act to hinder Marinners and Seamen from Contracting Debts and other Ir-

regularities, on Tuesday the 18th Instant at 12 °Clock, in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber.

And then the Messenger withdrew

The House took the said Message into consideration and after some time spent thereon came to the following resolution

RESOLVED That Mr Joseph Butler and Mr Edward Barnard do Manage the said Conference.

A Petition from Mungo Graham was presented to the House and read Setting forth that Sir Patrick Houstoun had Possessed himself of a Commission Directed to the late President Patrick Graham Esqr from the Honourable the Trustees for Establishing the Colony of Georgia Commanding and Authorizing him and Assistants to Eject the Revd Thomas Bosomworth from the Lands by him claimed on pretence of a Title from the Head Men of the Lower Creeks, he the said Petitioner humbly conceiving that if the above Commission be laid before this Honourable House, will give great light into the State of this Province And humbly praying this House will be pleased to call the said Sir Patrick Houstoun before them to produce the above Commission so Usefull to the Publick Good, and likewise to the private Interest of him the said Petitioner.

ORDERED That the said Mungo Graham do attend this House to be examined Concerning the several matters Alledged in his Petition

He attended accordingly and answer'd the Questions put to him by the House, and then He withdrew—

The House took the said Petition into consideration and after some time spent thereon

RESOLVED That this House do Address His Excellency the Governor that he will be pleased to give Directions to the said Sir Patrick Houstoun to lay the said Commission before this House.

And an Address was according drawn up in the following Terms.

May it Please your Excellency.

It appears to the Assembly upon the examination of Mungo Graham in Consequence of a Petition presented to them that Sir Patrick Houstoun hath possessed himself of a Commission directed to the late President Patrick Graham Esqr from the Honourable Trustees for Establishing the Colony of Georgia Commanding and Authorizing him and the Assistants to Eject the Revd Thomas Bosomworth from the Lands claim'd on pretence of a Title from the Head Men of the Lower Creeks which Commission the Assembly Apprehends may give Light into the State of this Province and therefore Desire your Excellency will be pleased to give Directions to the said Sir Patrick Houstoun to lay the same before this House.

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do sign the said Address.

And Mr Speaker signed the same accordingly—

ORDERED That Mr Edward Barnard and Mr Butler do present the said Address.

They went accordingly and being return'd they Reported that His Excellency was pleased to Answer he would give Directions accordingly.

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday the 19th January 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournmt.

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read.

Sir Patrick Houstoun Addressed the House in the following manner

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

I receiv'd this Morning an Order from His Excellency the Governor to lay before Your House a Commission directed to the late President Patrick Graham Esqr from the Honourable the Trustees for Establishing the Colony of Georgia Commanding and Authorizing him and the Assistants to Eject the Revd Thomas Bosomworth from the Lands claimed on pretence of a Title from the head Men of the Lower Creeks. I never had or Saw such a Paper nor do I believe ever any such Commission was in being.

ORDERED That Mungo Graham do attend this House

And he attended the House accordingly.

And being examined in regard of the Facts alledged in his Petition declared that he had seen the Commission, had read it and to the best of his Knowledge it was signed by Harmond Verelst, and as he believes dated in the Year 1752 or 1753 and that Mr Patrick Mackay, Mr Cuthbert and Mr John Graham were present. Mungo Graham further declared that he told Sir Patrick Houstoun that he ought to have a Copy of that Commission but Sir Patrick Houstoun said, it must never see the light more.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Council and that Mr Milledge do carry the same—

The Assembly desires you will give Leave to Patrick Mackay Esqr to come to this House and give them what Intelligence he can in a matter now under their inquiry

Patrick Mackay Esqr came into the House and informed the Assembly that the only two Papers, he delivered to Sir Patrick Houstoun are now in the Secretary's Office.

ORDERED That the said Papers be laid before this House for Inspection.

The said Papers were brought down accordingly, and it appeared that one was a Commission Directed to Henry Parker Esqr President of the Province of Georgia, Patrick Graham, James Habersham, Noble Jones, Pickering Robinson and Francis Harris Esqr or any two of them to Treat with the Indians on Lands by Purchase— And the other a Title Deed of Lands from the Upper Creeks.

Mr Mackay declared that those were the two papers he had delivered to Sir Patrick Houstoun and that He knew of no other—

Mungo Graham said that Mr Thomas Burrington could give some information in this affair—

ORDERED That the Messenger do Summon Mr Ths Burrington to attend this House.

He went accordingly and being returned informed the House that Mr Burrington was sick—

RESOLVED That the further Consideration of this matter be Postponed

A Message from the Council—

That they have agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill Intitled an Act to hinder Marinners and Sea Men from Contracting Debts and Committing other Irregularities

ORDERED That Mr Barnard do carry the following Message to the Council.

The Assembly having found that there have been some Mistakes in the Management of the late Conference, desire the said Conference may be renew'd in Order to rectify the same

A Message from the Council—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

The Upper House have taken into consideration your Message, and cannot agree to any amendments, or renew the Conference, as the Bill with the amendments hath already Passed both houses.

ORDERED That Mr Barnard do carry the following Message to the Council.

The Assembly is fully convinc'd that the Bill to hinder Mariners and Seamen from Contracting Debts and committing other Irregularities has not passed this House since the amendment proposed to be Made in the Bill.

ORDERED That the Messenger do go to the Secretary of the Province. and acquaint him that the house expects him to perform his promise and deliver into the House to Day the Publick papers directed by His Excellency's Order—

He went accordingly and being returned, said the Secretary was no Where to be found—

The House proceeded in this inquiry of the report made by the Committe appointed to Inspect the Publick accounts

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday the 20th January 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Preceeding Day were read—

Mr Burrington attended and informed the House that he knew nothing of the Affair in dispute betwixt Sir Patrick Houstoun and Mungo Graham, more than he had from Mungo Graham himself—

Mr Habersham Secretary of the Province Acquainted the House that he had Given his Excellency the Governor his reasons why he would not deliver the letters applied for by this House and by that resolution he would abide And further informed the House that his reasons were, that he did not hold those Letters as Secretary of this Province, but as Senior Surviving Member of the Board of the late President and Assistants and that he had been Ordered expressly by the other Surviving Members of that Board not to Deliver them—

Sir Patrick Houstoun came into the House and desired he might have a Copy of the Petition of Mungo Graham

Then he withdrew—

ORDERED That the Clerk of the Assembly do deliver

a Copy of Mungo Grahams Petition to Sir Patrick Houstoun—

Mr Edward Barnard Presented to the House according to Order a Bill for Establishing and regulating of Patrols and the same was read the first time and Ordered to be read a second time.

A Message from the Governor—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen—

Agreeable to your request I have Given direction to the Secretary and Register of the Records and likewise to Sir Patrick Houstoun Bart and have received answers from each of them in Letters, which I now send to be laid before the House—

20th January 1757. J. REYNOLDS.

Motion was made and the Question put, that the reasons given by Mr Habersham to His Excellency the Governor, why he would not deliver the letters apply'd for to this House are Valid and Satisfactory

It passed in the negative—

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday the 21st January 1757—

The House Met according to Adjournmt.

The Minutes of the precedeing Day were read.

The Bill for Establishing and regulating of Patrols was read a second time and Committed—

Mr Yonge acting Surveyor General attended the House with an Explanation of the Memorial presented by Him to this House

ORDERED That the said explanation be reffer'd to the Committé appointed to inquire into the State of this Province

A Message from the Council

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

Sir Patrick Houstoun President having acquainted this House that he had heard that one Mungo Graham had presented a Petition to the House of Representatives Address'd to the General Assembly concerning him which he apprehends may reflect on his Reputation and desires this House will inquire into the same — Therefore this House desires the House of Representatives will lay before them the said Petition

ORDERED That the Bill for Establishing and Regulating of Patrols to (sic) be read the third time to morrow morning—

Motion was made and the Question put that the reasons sent to this House by His Excellency the Governor Yesterday from Mr Habersham and Sir Patrick Houstoun be entered in the Journals of this House—

It Passed in the Affirmative—

Mr Habershams reasons are, that he has carefully look'd over all the Letters from the late Trustees to the late President & Assistants (by them committed to his care) and can find none, but what immediately concern them as such, containing only temporary Directions, long since fully complied with, and can in no Sense regard or relate to the present State of Affairs, and which the

Gentlemen now living who were of that Board have expressly Ordered him not to deliver to the House of Representatives as well for the foregoing as the following reasons Namely—That they were impowered by the Trustees as a Collective Body to represent them in this Province and Correspond with them, and as such, were accountable only to them for the Discharge of their Duty; so that (Although under no Personal Apprehensions from such letters being Published) those Letters cannot be called Publick Letters as neither Trustees or President and Assistants are existing and therefore they look upon the request of the House of Representatives to be unprecedented and complying therewith, the betraying a Trust. That those Letters are not, nor ever were Matters of record and were intended only for the Guidance of the Persons to whom sent, and they are well satisfied that the House of Representatives might as justly claim the Inspection of the Letters and private Instructions, sent to His Excellency from the Government, with his Answers; and thus would a Door be Open'd, which in Event, might invade an Essential Prerogative of the Crown; an Innovation which they think themselves Indispensible bound to Guard against. That the Minutes of the late President and Assistants, with the letters and Answers to and from the late Trustees, are in the hands of their late Secretary Mr Martyn (now Agent for this Province) and when Necessary Recourse may be always had to them—

Sir Patrick Houstouns reasons were that he never had or does believe there ever was such a Commission in being as is mentioned in Mungo Grahams Petition but that the Papers he received from Mrs Graham were lodged in the Secretary's Office where he Supposes they are still.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday the 22d January 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournmt.

The Minutes of the Preceeding Day were Read

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Message sent to this House Yesterday by the Council—

Motion was made and the Question put, that Mungo Graham be called before this House, to explain some Ambigious (sic) expressions in his Petition

RESOLVED Nem: Con: that the declaration and protest of David Douglass inserted at the End of the Minutes of the last Assembly was enter'd by Mistake, and is by no means to be Regarded as any part of the Minutes of the Assembly—

The Order of the Day being read, the Bill for Establishing and regulating of Patrols to be (sic) read the third time—

The said Bill was read the third time accordingly—

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass—

ORDERED That Mr Edward Barnard do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence—

Mungo Graham attended the House and informed them that the Petition by him Presented to this House, was intended by him for the Assembly only, that He might be mistaken in some facts therein Alledged, but that he had no other View, than to bring to Light a Paper he imagined would be Serviceable to the Publick and his own private Interest, and not to hurt the Character or

Reputation of Sir Patrick Houstoun or any other Person whatsoever — And that he humbly desires leave to withdraw his said Petition

The House took the same into consideration—

RESOLVED That Mungo Graham have leave to withdraw his Petition

The House took into consideration the Message Yesterday from the Council and resolved on the following Message—

Mr President and Gentlemen

The Assembly have taken into consideration your Message of Yesterday's Date and have sent for Mungo Graham to explain some Inconsistent expressions in his Petition, and to examine him upon some other matters relative thereto, He hath declared that his Intention was that the said Petition should be considered by the Assembly only, that he might be Mistaken in some facts therein Alledged, but that he had no other View than to bring to Light a paper he Imagined would be serviceable to the Publick and to his own private Interest, and not to hurt the Character or Reputation of Sir Patrick Houstoun or any other Person whatsoever and that he humbly desired Leave to withdraw his said Petition, with which humble request the Assembly have Comply'd—

ORDERED That Mr Elliott do carry the said Message to the Council—

Motion was made and the Question Put that Mr Habersham absolutely refusing to lay before the House the Publick Letters from the late Trustees to the late President and Assistants is a Contempt of the Governors Or-

der, and a Great disrespect to this House, and Impedes the inquiry into the State of the Province.

It Passed in the Affirmative—

ORDERED That Mr Fitch have leave to go into the Country on Extraordinary occasions—

ORDERED That a Bill be brought in for Transferring the Proceedings of the former Courts of Justice in this Province to the Courts now Subsisting and Making such proceedings Matters of record, And that Mr Watson, Mr John Barnard and Mr Butler do prepare and bring in the same

ORDERED That the several Gentlemen appointed to bring in the following Bills Vizt, the Parish Bill, the Bill for repairing the Church in Savannah, and the Bill for Relief of distressed Persons in this Province, do prepare and bring in the same on or before Thursday next—

ORDERED That the Committees appointed to inquire about the post Office, the Committé appointed to inspect the Publick Books, and the Committe to inquire into the State of this Province, do bring in their several reports on or before Thursday next.

And then the House Adjourn'd 'till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday the 24th January 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

And then the House Adjourn'd till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday the 25 January 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournm^t

The Minutes of the Preceeding Day were read.

The Writ of Election for Electing a Member to serve in Assembly for the Town and District of frederica was returned declaring Adam Bosomworth duely Elected—

ORDERED That Mr Barnard & Mr Francis do go with Mr Bosomworth to attend his Excellency the Governor in Order to his taking the Oaths—

They withdrew accordingly and being return'd they Reported that Mr Bosomworth had taken & subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Oath of Abjuration & made and Subscribed the Declaration

Then Mr Bosomworth took his seat as a Member of the Assembly.

ORDERED that the Petition of John Rae, James Campbell and David Douglass be taken now into Consideration.

The House took the said Petition into consideration accordingly and after some time spent thereon

RESOLVED That the said Petition be refferred to the Committé appointed to bring in the Parish Bill—

Mr Marcer reported from the Committé appointed to inquire into the State of this Province, that they were now ready to deliver in their Report when the House will be pleased to receive the same—

ORDERED That the said report be now received, And Mr Marcer accordingly read the same in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was read and is as follows—

RESOLVED That long after settling the Colony, the want of a Legislative power in the people was the cause that many abuses in the Administration were not redressed, A Slavish Zeal for Establishing an Impracticable Scheme of Government became the Test for receiving into or puting Men out of Office, by this rule common Justice was Administered Large Tracts of Land were granted to Infants and the absent relations of those who distinguished themselves in the service of the late President and Assistants, and many Persons well able to Cultivate and Improve Lands were denied Any, and others allow'd a sufficient Quantity, by which means the most valuable Lands were Engrossed, Cultivation retarded & People Justly dissatisfied; Trade was so far Monopolized by the Trading Men in Office, that those who had money due for Salaries raising Cocoons, and all other Publick Services were often obliged to take Goods they did not want, instead of Cash or go unpaid; Your Committé must here Observe that to this Cause also to the Neglect of employing the well constructed filature at Ebenezer, is owing the retrograding State of the silk Culture, Your Committé begs leave further to Observe that Erecting a large two Story House for the reception of Cocoons was a Misapplication of publick Money, for less room is more than sufficient to Contain all that is likely to be raised in some Years, and it stood in a great measure useless till Appropriated for holding the Council and Assembly & keeping the Records in the Secretary's and Surveyor Generals Office, and was built as your Committé Apprehends for no Other purpose, but falsely to represent the progress of the silk Culture.

RESOLVED That after the Colony became under the more immediate direction of the Crown, on the arrival of His Excellency John Reynolds Esquire, The president and Assistants being continued in such power as was Scarse Consistant with Royal Government and Corresponding with Benjamin Martyn their former Correspondent and Secretary to the late Trustees did by false and Malicious insinuations so far misrepresent every person they immagined cou'd give any Lights into their past Administration as to prevent their doing the least service, branding them with the Dishonourable Name of Incendiaries, disaffected to all Government under what shape soever; through their means and for Selfish purposes to secure a Majority in the General Assembly, was made the unequal and Injurious division of the Colony into Districts, for by the present regulation near three fourths of the Colony in respect to extent of Country or number of Inhabitants sends but four Members to serve in General Assembly Viz[t] All that part to the South[d] of Little oGeechee River, it is also owing to the behaviour of the President and Assistants that many usefull People have been Deterr'd from settling in the Colony—

RESOLVED That your Committé find since there has been a different Management of Indian Affairs, less partiality in the distribution of Lands and prejudice against the best and greatest number of the people, that the Inhabitants are now satisfied and that a Spirit of Industry is visible in all parts of the Colony—

RESOLVED That your Committé are however of Opinion that it would be a great Hindrance to Continue Benjamin Martyn Esq. the Nominal Agent, for real Agent he is not, for as the General Assembly have no part in recommending him, he is not accountable to them for his Conduct, hence no representation of Persons or

things is regarded, except such as is given by partial Self interested Men, Calculated for his and their purposes and in return he procures for them places of Trust and Proffit that he has caused an Augmentation of the Salaries of his Creatures when at the same time the money allowed for the Contingencies of Government is Lessened from Five hundred to three Hundred pounds ℔ Annum, tho' the Demands for Publick Services encrease, and thereby many necessary works must be left undone or be provided for by the people a Burthen in their present Circumstances they are not able to bear, that tho' he never was in this Country and has had no other Information of its Affairs than what is above mentioned, he has been hardy enough to impose upon the people of England a printed account of it, in which there are almost as many falsities as pages—

RESOLVED That the Colony is in so Defenceless a State at present that except a small Battery Lately Erected for the safety of the Town and River Savannah there are very few Guns mounted in the whole province, the Fortifications of Frederica are intirely ruined, and the Fort at Augusta in so wretched a Condition that even upon Publick occasions they are Obliged to take the Guns out of it to fire them least the Shock should bring down the whole Fort, that there is not a Soldier in the whole province except Forty Rangers raised during the late Alarm except also a small Detachment of Men from the Independent Companies in Carolina who are not to be relied upon as they are under the Command of the Governor of that Province and such of them as were Stationed at Augusta except the Officer and six private Men are now actually sent from thence w^th^out the knowledge of the Governor of this province whereby that part of the Country nearest Adjoining the Indians is quite Naked and exposed; that your Committé does not by this Observation intend to cast the least reflection on the Con-

duct of his Excellency Governor Lyttleton whose regard to this Province claim's the most Grateful acknowledgements, but to shew only how precarious the dependence is upon Troops under the Command of any other than the Governor of this province

RESOLVED That this account of the State of the province tho' imperfect in some parts, is the best Your Committé are able to give, as they are unhappily deprived by the Refusal of the Secretary to inspect such Publick papers they Judged highly Necessary to their Guidance and Information—

The first Resolution being read a second time and Debated

Sentence by Sentence was agreed to by the House

The second Resolution being read a second time was in like manner agreed To by the House—

The third Resolution being read a second time was in like manner agreed To by the House—

The Fourth Resolution being read a second time was in like manner agreed To by the House—

The Fifth Resolution being read a second time was in like manner agreed To by the House—

The Sixth Resolution being read a second time was in like manner agreed To by the House—

The Whole Report being again read was agreed to by the House—

RESOLVED That the said Report be refferred Back to the Committe to prepare an Address, to Lay the said Report before the Lords of Trade—

A Message from the Council

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen—

This House having with great attention Seriously Considered the Letter from His Excellency William Henry Lyttleton Esquire Governor of South Carolina and the papers that came inclosed in the same Letter, all which we now send You agreeable to His Excellency the Governors Message to this House, and in Consequence thereof We desire a Conference of Your House with this House to morrow morning at Nine of the Clock in the room Adjoining the Council Chamber, in Order that an Address may be drawn Up to the Governor representing that His Excellency would be pleased to take such measures as may be thought Necessary by both Houses for the Security of this His Majesty's Province at this Cricis (sic) of immenent (sic) Danger.

The House took the said Message into immediate Consideration and after some time Spent therein—

Resolved That this House doth agree to the said Conferrence

Ordered That Mr Bosomworth do carry the following Message to the Council.

In Answer to Your Message the Assembly agrees to the Conferrence you desire at the time and place you mention.

And then the House Adjourn'd till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday the 26th January 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment.

The Minutes of the precedeing Day were read.

A Message from the Council.

In Answer to your Message of the 19th Instant wherein You say You are fully Convinced that the Bill to hinder Marriners and Seamen from Contracting Debts and Committing other Irregularities has not passed this House since the amendments proposed to be Made in the Bill." (sic) This House observe, That the said Bill was sent from your House to this House as having been read three times and passed, That the same was read three times in this House and passed with several amendments, and accordingly was sent down for your Concurrence to the said amendments— The next Day, you sent up the said Bill to this House desiring our Concurrence to amendments you had made, which this House have before Observed, and again say was unparliamentary, as your house (according to the regular Course of Business) should have either agreed to the amendments made by this House, or Desired a Conference thereon, or rejected the said Bill— Notwithstanding this House unwilling to retard Business, took no Notice of this Irregularity, but sent you a Message, desiring a Conferrence on the same, to be Conducted by Managers of both Houses to which Your House agreed, and the Managers accordingly Met and agreed to the amendments under their consideration and those from this House Reported the same, to which this House agreed, and by Message acquainted You therewith— Afterwards your House desired a Renewal of the Conference, to which this House replyed

by Message that they could not agree which occasioned the Message from Your House now under our Consideration— the Managers of this House Reported, and do now say that the Managers of Your House acquainted them, that if they would consent to an amendment they proposed, Your House had no other Objection to the other amendments which they, as well as this House did agree To, and for this as well as the foregoing reasons they cannot consent to a Renewal of the Conferrence—

A Message from the Council.

In Answer to Your Message of the 22d Instant relative to a petition laid before Your House by Mungo Graham reflecting on one of the Members of this House This House cannot but Suppose, that you gave the sd Mungo Graham a proper Repremand, and that You Order'd him to attend this House to acknowledge the Injury done to one of their Members; but the said Graham, having not yet appeared, they desire and expect That you will order him to Comply with so just and reasonable (and we may Add so Parliamentary) a Request.

A Message from the Council.

That they have agreed to the Bill Intitled an Act for explaining and amending an Act, to Impower the Several Surveyors hereafter named to lay Out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia, with several amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

The House proceeded to take the said amendments into consideration and made some Progress thereon.

RESOLVED That the further Consideration of the said amendments be postponed.

A Message from the Council—

That they are now ready to enter into a Conferrence with the House.

The House went accordingly and being return'd Mr Speaker reported to the House the several matters agreed to in the said Conferrence

ORDERED That Mr Milledge do carry the following Message to Council.

The Assembly have appointed a Committé to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor on the subject matter this Day under consideration in a Conferrence of both Houses—

ORDERED That Mr Edward Barnard, Mr Montaigut and Mr Jones, be the said Committé—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday the 27th January 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill Intitled an Act for explaining and amending an Act to impower the several Surveyors hereafter named to lay out the Publick Roads in the province of Georgia, and agreed to some and made amendments to others

ORDERED, That Mr Edward Barnard do acquaint the

Council therewith— And that this House desire a Conferrence with them on the Subject matter of the said amendments.

The Order of the Day being read for the Gentlemen appointed to bring in the Parish Bill, the Bill for repairing the Church in Savannah, and the Bill for Relief of Distressed Persons in this Province—

ORDERED That the said Order be postponed.

the other Order of the Day being read for the Committees appointed to inquire about the Post Office, the Committe appointed to Inspect the Publick Books & the Committee appointed to inquire into the State of the Province—

ORDERED That the said Order, be postponed—

A Message from the Council—

This House have appointed a Committé to Join with a Committé of Your House to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor on the Subject Matter of the said Conferrence of both Houses Yesterday in the room Adjoining the Council Chamber at 4 °Clock in the afternoon—

And then the House Adjourned till To morrow morning Nine °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday the 28th January 1757.

The House Met acording to Adjournmt

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read.

ORDERED Nem. Con. That a Tax Bill be prepared and brought in.

Mr Edward Barnard from the Committe appointed to Join a Committe of the Council to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Governor Reported that they were now ready to deliver in their Report when the House pleases to receive the same

ORDERED That the said Report be now received.

Mr Edward Barnard accordingly read the same in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was read— To which the House made several amendments

ORDERED That Mr Edward Barnard do acquaint the Council therewith—

A Message from the Council.

This House having received no answer to their Message of the 25th Instant to your House relative to an Injury done to one of their Members by Mungo Graham desire to know the Resolutions your House have come to, on the Subject matter of the said Message—

A Message from the Council.

That they have agreed to the amendments made by this House in the Address to His Excellency and have

made some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House

The House took the said amendments into Consideration and agreed thereto—

ORDERED That Mr Jones do acquaint the Council therewith

A Message to the Council, The Assembly desires you will Appoint a Member of your House to go with a Member of their House to attend His Excellency the Governor and acquaint him that both Houses have Jointly prepared an Address—and desire to know when His Excellency will be pleased to receive the same—

ORDERED That Mr Bosomworth do carry the said Message

ORDERED That Mr Butler do go with a Member of the Council to know when His Excellency will be pleased to receive the Joint Address of both Houses—

He withdrew accordingly and being returned—reported that His Excellency was pleased to say he was ready immeadiately (sic) if the House pleases.

Mr Speaker with the House went with the President and Council and presented the following Address.

To His Excellency John Reynolds Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same.

The humble Address of His Majesty's Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Met

May it Please your Excellency.

We his Majesty's most dutifull and Loyal Subjects the

Members of his Majesty's Council and House of representatives now in General Assembly Met, beg leave to inform your Excellency that we have taken under our mature consideration the Letter from his Excellency the Governor of South Carolina & the Several papers therewith inclosed, Laid before Us by Your Order and with great concern we find by their contents the imminent Dangers that now Threaten us which induced him to write to Your Excellency on so emergent an occasion, as well as the Coroborating accounts we have from time to time had from other parts, of an Invasion intended from St Domingo, by a number of Men of War, and a large Body of Troops against this and His Majesty's Province of South Carolina, and what more immeadiately alarms Us at this Juncture is an Attack designed by the French and Indians, on our Western Frontiers, as we observe by the purport of the above papers from the Commanding Officer in the Indian Country and also it is apprehended that the Greatest part of the Creek Nation, by the Influence of the French at the Albama Fort are to us lost; in Consequence of which they have Concluded a peace with our Enemys the Chactaws & threatened our Friends the Chickesaws with War, if they would not with them Join the French against those Provinces.

When we consider the Approaching Dangers that threaten the Destruction of this His Majesty's Province by an Invasion from the French at St Domingo, and their intended Descent Conjointly with the Indians on our Western Frontiers the Naked defenceless State of the Province wherewith your Excellency is well acquainted, our Inability in all respects to Oppose one or the other we are so deeply concerned with the Melancholly prospect of our present Situation, that we are unable sufficiently by words to express; but what arises from reflecting on the continued and paternal regard our most Gracious Sovereign hath always Manifested to his Sub-

jects of this Province, all these Motives urge us in the most interesting manner to Address your Excellency that you would be pleased to take our Necessitious (sic) Circumstances under your consideration & immeadiately compleat the present Company of Rangers to Seventy Men and raise two other Companies of the same number each And that they be ordered to encamp at the most convenient place on the main Body of the Alatamaha River where they will be a Check on the Indians and may prevent their Joining with the ffrench and likewise will be ready to March (when it may appear to your Excellency it can be done with the consent of a sufficient Number of the Indians) into the Creek Nation to Join such of them as may remain well Affected to his Majesty in the Demolition of Albama Fort which if happily affected we are Assured would disappoint the Schemes of our Enemies from that Quarter.

And as we find that one Scout Boat is inadequate to the Services required, especially at this Crisis. We hope your Excellency will also be pleased to Order another Scout Boat with ten Men, a Coxswain and Mate to be Stationed on the North end of Cumberland Island which will be of great Service not only to give Intelligence of the appearance of an Enemy upon the Sea Coasts but will also prevent the desertion of our Domesticks and Slaves—

We also beg leave to represent to Your Excellency the want of Ammunition and Warlike Stores In the Province and request your Excellency will order the same to be provided—

We doubt not but his most Gracious Majesty in order to prevent our impending Ruin, will be pleased to Approve of these measures indispenceably (sic) Necessary to the preservation of the province, and the Lives and for-

tunes of All its Inhabitants and on compassion to our Calamitous Circumstances, will extend his Tender and Paternal care to us his Loyal but Distress'd Subjects, so far as to give Orders for the payment of such expences as must unavoidably be entered into upon this emmergent occasion or otherwise this Province must become an Easie prey to a very inconsiderable number of the Enemy as its Impossible for the present Inhabitants to defray any Expence of this Nature

And being return'd Mr Speaker reported to the House that His Excellency had been pleased to give the following answer

Gentlemen

I agree with You in the Necessity there is of Providing against the danger that now threatens this Colony; and therefore will give orders for the raising the Troops, and fitting out the Boat you propose in this Address, and I will take care to Station them according as the exigences (sic) of the service may require.

ORDERED That Mr Mackintosh do carry the following Message to the Council—

In Answer to your Message of the 25th Instant the Assembly acquaints you that Mungo Graham having made such a Concession they Judged Satisfactory, they have permitted him to withdraw this Petition, and cannot therefore take further Cognizance of it—

And then the House Adjourn'd till to morrow morning Nine °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday the 29th January 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournmt.

The Minutes of the precedeing Day were read

ORDERED, That Mr Francis and Mr Ewen do acquaint the Revd Mr Zouberbuhler, that this House will attend Divine Service on Monday next, being the Anniversary of the Martyrdom of King Charles the first—

They went accordingly and being return'd they reported Mr Zouberbuhler said that the service appointed on that occasion would be read to morrow—

Mr Watson reported from the Committé appointed to inquire into the particulars of a Donation of Books for the Publick use of this Province that they are ready to deliver in their report when the House will be pleased to receive the same—

ORDERED That the said Report be now received, and he read the same in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was read and is as follows—

The Committé find that there is a large Number of Books the Catalogue of which contains 56 Pages are lodged in the hands of the Revd Bartholomew Zouberbuhler in Savanah and are a Gift to this Province for composing a Publick Library and the Committe are of Opinion that it would be a great Benefit if the Vacant room in the Council House could be fitted up to Deposit them in—

The said Report being read a second time was agreed To by the House

ORDERED That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor

May it Please Your Excellency.

The Assembly having found that there is a Large Number of Books, the Catalogue of which Contains 56 pages in Fol° and which Books are lodged in the hands of the Revd Mr Zouberbuhler in Savannah and are a Gift to this Province for composing a Publick Library—humbly desire, as it will be a great Benefit, that Your Excellency will be pleased to give Directions that the Vacant room in the Council House be fitted up to Deposit them in

ORDERED That Mr Speaker sign the said Address—

And he signed the same accordingly—

ORDERED That Mr Edward Barnard and Mr Bosomworth do present the said Address—

Motion—was made and the Question put, that the House do now take into consideration the several Bills passed by them and sent up to the Council—

RESOLVED, that the same be Postponed till Monday next

And then the House Adjourned 'till Monday morning Nine °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday 31st January 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday the 1st February 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the precedeing Day were Read.

Mr Edward Barnard informed the House that Mr Bosomworth and himself had attended His Excellency the Governor with the Address of Saturday last to which His Excellency was pleased to answer that he would give Directions accordingly—

The Bill for raising and Granting to his Majesty a Sum of money to defray the expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and some other expences of Government was read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second time—

A Message from the Council—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

This House have appointed a Committé to Conferr with a Committé of your House on the amendments, made to the Bill Intitled an Act to impower the several Surveyors hereafter Named to lay out Publick Roads in this Province, in the room Adjoining the Council Cham-

ber to morrow morning Nine of the Clock. Dated January 31st 1757.

Mr Milledge and Mr Jones went to the said Conferrence and being returned they Reported, that they thought proper to agree with the Council in the amendments proposed in the Road Bill—

A Message from the Council — That they have agreed to the Bill for the better securing the Payment and more easie recovery of debts due from any Person not residing in this Province with some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

The House took the said amendments into Consideration, and agreed thereto without any amendments—

The House also made an amendment of their own—

ORDERED That Mr Edward Barnard do Acquaint the Council therewith and Desire their Concurrence.

A New Commission of the Peace being to be Made Out, the Governor desired this House to recommend such Persons in their Districts as they Judge most proper to increase the present number of Justices—

The House took the same into consideration and agreed to recommend to his Excellency the following Persons.

For the Province—

James Read
Patrick Mackay } Esqrs

Samuel Marcer
David Montaigut } Esqrs for Savannah
Wm Francis

Grey Elliott Esqr for Midway

Daniel Clerk Esqr for Darian

John Fitch }
Edward Barnard } Esq^{rs} for Augusta

James Maxwell Esqr for Great & Little oGeeché—

Mr Ewen Reported from the Committé appointed to inquire into the State of this Province, that they were ready to give in their Report when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED That the said report be now received, & accordingly he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was read, & is as follow's—

To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations

The Humble Address and Remonstrance of the Representatives of his Majesty's Province of Georgia, in General Assembly.

May it Please Your Lordships—

We his Majesty's most dutyfull and Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Province of Georgia in full and General Assembly Met, having Appointed a Committé to inquire into the State of this Colony they have made the following Report, to which the House by a Great Majority have agreed, and which we beg Leave to lay before Your Lordships as from thence may be traced the Source and causes of many great Hardships and Evils the Inhabitants of this Province have long Labour'd, and do still labour under, fully depending upon your Lordships favour and Protection, that the causes

of our Misery being once known, Your Lordships will Apply such a Remedy as to Your Wisdom and Justice shall seem Meet—

The Report of the Committé appointed to inquire into the State of the Colony of Georgia

RESOLVED That long after the settling the Colony the want of a Legislative power in the people was the cause that many abuses in the Administration were not redressed, A Slavish Zeal for Establishing an Impracticable Scheme of Government became the Test for receiving into or puting Men out of place, by this Rule common Justice was Administred Large Tracts of Land were Granted to Infants and the absent relations of those who distinguished themselves in the service of the late Presidant (sic) and Assistants, and many Persons well able to Cultivate and Improve Lands were denyed Any, and others not allowed a Sufficient Quantity by which means the most Valuable Lands were Engrossed Cultivation retarded and the People justly dissatisfied, Trade was so far Monopolized by the tradeing Men in Office. that those who had money due for Salaries, raising Cocoons and all other Publick Services were often Obliged to take goods they did not want instead of Cash or go unpaid, Your Committé must here observe that to this cause as also to the Neglect of employing the well Constructed filature at Ebenezer is oweing the retrogadeing State of the Silk Culture Your Committé begs leave further to Observe that Erecting a Large two Story house, for the reception of Cocoons was a Misapplication of Publick Money, for Less room is more than sufficient to contain all that is Likely to be raised in some Years, and stood in a Great measure Useless till Appropriated for holding the Council and Assembly and keeping the Records in Secretary's and Surveyor Generals Offices, and

was built as Your Committé Apprehends for no other purpose but falsely to represent the progress of the Silk Culture—

RESOLVED That after the Colony became under the immediate Direction of the Crown on the Arrival of His Excellency John Reynolds Esqr the President and Assistants being continued in such Power as was Scarse Consistent with Royal Government & corresponding with Benjamin Martyn their former Correspondent, & Secretary to the late Trustees did by false and Malicious insinuations so far misrepresent every person they imagined could give any Light into their past Administration as to prevent their doing the Colony the least Service branding them with the dishonourable name of Incendiaries disaffected to all Government under what shape soever, thro' their means, and for Selfish Purposes to Secure a Majority in the General Assembly was made the unequal & Injurious Division of the Colony into Districts for by this present regulation near three fourths of the Colony in respect to extent of Country or Number of Inhabitants, sends but four Members to serve in General Assembly Viz^t all that Part to the Southward of Little oGeeché River, it is also owing to the Behaviour of the President & Assistants that many usefull People have been Deterred from settling in the Colony—

RESOLVED That your Committé find that since there has been a different Management of Indian Affairs, Less partiallity in the distribution of Lands, and Prejudice against the best and greatest number of the People, that the Inhabitants are more satisfied and that a Spirit of Industry is Visible in all parts of the Colony—

RESOLVED That your Committe are however of Opinion that it will be a great Hinderance to Continue Benjamin Martyn Esqr the Nominal Agent for Real Agent

he is not for as the General Assembly have no part in recommending him he is not accountable to them for his Conduct, hence no representation of person or things is regarded except such as is given by partial self interested Men Calculated for his and their purposes and in return he procures for them places of Trust and Proffit; that he has caused an Augmentation of the Salaries of his Creatures when at the same time the Money allowed for the Contingencies of Government is Lessned from five hundred to three Hundred pounds ℔ Annum, tho' the Demands for Publick Services increase and thereby many necessary works must be left undone or be provided for by the people, a Burthen in their present Circumstances they are not able to bear, that tho' he never was in this Country and has had no other Information of its affairs, than what is above mentioned, he has been hardy enough to impose upon the People of England a printed account of it, in which there are as many falsities as pages.

RESOLVED That the Colony is in so Defenceless a State at present, that except a small Battery lately Erected for the safety of the Town and River Savannah, there are very few Guns mounted in the Whole Province the Fortifications at Frederica are intirely ruined, And the Fort at Augusta in so wretched a Condition that even upon Publick occasions they are obliged to take the Guns out of it, to fire them Least the Shock should bring down the whole Fort, that there is not a Soldier in the whole Province except forty Rangers raised during the late alarm except also a small detachment of Men from the Independant Companies in Carolina who are not to be relied upon as they are under the Command of the Governor of that Province, and such of them as were Stationed at Augusta except the Officer and six private Men are now actually sent from thence without the knowledge of the Governor of this Province whereby that part of the

Country nearest adjoining to the Indians is quite naked and exposed That your Committé does not by this Observation intend to cast the least reflection on the Conduct of His Excellency Governor Lyttleton whose regard to this Province claims the most Gratefull acknowledgement but to shew only how precarious the dependance is upon Troops under the command of any other than the Governor of this Province

RESOLVED That this account of the State of the Province tho' imperfect in some parts, is the best your Committé are able to give as they are unhappily deprived of by the Refusal of the Secretary to inspect such Publick Papers they Judged highly necessary to their Guidance and Information—

We have thought it our duty to offer these things to Your Lordships consideration from whence we doubt not it will appear, that the Bad consequences of mismanagement of Publick Officers an entire neglect in the Agent of the true and general Interest of the Province and a Misapplication of Publick Money have been the Principal reasons why this Colony after having had so great Sums granted for its use, for more than Twenty Years is still in so deplorable a Condition, from your Lordships well known Tenderness and Regard to the happiness & Satisfaction of the Inhabitants of the Plantations, We Promise ourSelves a kind acceptance of this Address, and Your Lordships will cause such measures to be taken by Laying the same before Our most Gracious Sovereign as May be Necessary to our Relief—

The said Report being read a second time, was agreed To by the House

ORDERED That the said Address be ingrossed—

ORDERED That an Address be presented To His Excellency the Governor to desire he will be pleased to give directions that the Great Seal of the Province be Affixed to the said Address and that the same be sent immeadiately to the Lords of Trade & plantations.

RESOLVED That the said Address to His Excellency the Governor be presented by the whole House—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday the 2d January 1757.
[sic pro Feb.]

The House Met according to Adjournmt.

The minutes of the Precedeing Day were read.

A Message from the Council—

That they have agreed to the Bill Intitled an Act to explain and amend an Act for declaring and Establishing the Method of Drawing and Summoning Jurors in the Province of Georgia without any amendment—

RESOLVED That this House doth agree to the amendments made by the Council in the Road Bill—

ORDERED That Mr Milledge do acquaint the Council therewith—

ORDERED That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

May it Please Your Excellency.

The Assembly having prepared in (sic) Address to the Lords Commisssioners of Trade and Plantations containing the State of this Province, desire Your Excellency will be pleased to give Directions that the Great Seal may be Affixed to the same

RESOLVED Nem. Con. that as there is reason to believe William Little Esqr now Speaker of this House is going to England, He attend the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations & present the same to their Lordships and Answer such Questions as they may ask relative thereto—

RESOLVED That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor—

May it Please Your Excellency.

The Assembly having come to a Resolution that as there are reasons to believe that William Little Esqr now their Speaker is going to England, He do attend the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations and present the Address of this House to their Lordships, and answer all such Questions as they may ask relative thereto, and Desire your Excellency will be pleas'd to give Directions that the Great Seal be Affixed to this Resolution that it may appear that he is fully authorized and Impowered—

ORDERED, That Mr Speaker do sign the said Address and Mr Speaker signed the same accordingly—

ORDERED, That Mr Marcer and Mr Butler do waite upon His Excellency and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by the House with their Address—

They withdrew accordingly and being return'd they Reported that His Excellency was pleased to say that He was now ready to receive the House with their Addresses—

And accordingly Mr Speaker with the House went to attend His Excellency the Governor and being return'd Mr Speaker reported that His Excellency was pleased to answer that he would give Directions accordingly—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday 3d February 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read

A Bill for raising and Granting to His Majesty a sum of money to defray the expences of holding the Courts of Oyer & Terminer and some other Expences of Government was read the second time and Committed—

ORDERED That the said Bill be read the third Time—

RESOLVED That as many of the Members of this House are unfortunately taken sick Eight Members and the Speaker do make an House—

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday the 4th ffebruary 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournmt.

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read.

A Message from the Council, That they have agreed to the Bill to prevent any Person from trading with or encourageing of any Indian to come within the settlements of this Province with some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

The Bill for raising and Granting to His Majesty a Sum of Money to defray the expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and some other Expences of Governmt was read the third Time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass—

ORDERED That Mr Edward Barnard do carry the Bill to the Council & desire their Concurrence—

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill to prevent any Person from trading with, or encourageing of any Indian to come wthin the Settlements of this Province, & after some time spent therein came to the following Resolution

RESOLVED That the further Consideration of the said amendments be refferred till Tuesday the Tenth Day of May next—

ORDERED That Mr Francis be Added to the Committé appointd to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Distressed and unfortunate Persons in this Province, and for the better Settlement of the same—

ORDERED That the Clerk of the Assembly do make out Copies of the Tax Bill, to be sent to the Commissioners of the several Districts—

ORDERED That the Clerk of the Assembly do make out ffaithfull Abstracts of the Road Bill to be sent to the Surveyors of the several Districts so far only as relates to the Duties of the respective Surveyors.

Motion was made and the Question put, that a Bill be brought in to prevent Negroes being brought up to Handicraft Trades in this Province—

It Passed in the Negative—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday the 5th February 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read

A Message from the Council, That they have agreed to the Bill for Regulating of Patrols in this Province with some amendments to which they Desire the Concurrence of this House—

The House took the said amendments into Consideration and after some time spent therein agreed to some and disagreed to others—

The House proceeded in the Examination of the Publick accounts given into the Clerk of the Assembly—

A Message from the Council, That they have agreed to the Bill for raising a sum of Money to defray the expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, and some other Expences of Government

RESOLVED That Thomas Lee be allow'd Fifteen Pounds St^g for his attendance as Messenger of this House—

RESOLVED That Samuel Gandy be allow'd Seven Pounds ten Shillings Sterling for his attendance as Door keeper to this House—

And then the House Adjourned till Monday morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday the 7th ffebruary 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read.

Mr Edward Barnard presented to the House according to Order a Bill for the Establishment of Religious Worship in this province according to the Church of England and for Erecting of Churches for the Publick Worship of God, and the same was read the first time and Ordered to be read a second time—

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made to the Bill Intitled an Act to hinder Mariners and Seamen from Contracting Debts & committing other Irregularities—

And then the House Adjourn'd till to morrow morning Nine °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday the 8th February 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournmt.

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read.

The Bill for the Establishment of Religious Worship in this Province according to the Church of England and for Erecting of Churches for the Publick Worship of God was read the second time and Committed.

A Message from the Governor—

Mr Speaker,

His Excellency requires this House to attend Him immediately in the Council Chamber—

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber where His Excellency was pleased to Assent to the following Bills—

An Act for the better Securing the Payment and more Easy Recovery of Debts Due from any Person not residing in this Province By Attaching their Estate Personal if any such they have in this Province—

An Act for Confirming Sales of Lands in the Province of Georgia by Attornies or Agents and for Ascertaining the Proof of Instruments or Writeings made out of the Province—

An Act for the providing for and Disposing of the Accadians now in this Province—

An Act for explaining and Amending an Act to Impower the several Surveyors hereafter named to lay Out the Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia

An Act to explain and amend an Act Intitled an Act for declareing and Establishing the Method of drawing and Summoning Jurors in the Province of Georgia—

An Act for raising and Granting to His Majesty a Sum of Money to defray the Expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and some other Expences of Government—

His Excellency was pleased to Postpone the following Bills for further Consideration—

The Bill to hinder Mariners & Seamen from Contracting Debts and Committing other Irregularities—

The Bill for Confirming and Securing Titles to Estates in this Province—

And then the House Adjourn'd till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday the 9th February 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read.

ORDERED That Mr Jones and Mr Edward Barnard be Managers of a Conferrence with the Council on the Amendments proposed to be Made in the Bill for Establishing and Regulateing of Patrols and that Mr Jones do Acquaint the Council therewith—

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday the 10th February 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournmt.

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read.

The Bill Intitled an Act, for the Establishment of Religious Worship in the Province of Georgia According to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England and for Erecting Parishes in the Towns & Districts of Savannah and Augusta was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass—

ORDERED, That Mr Edward Barnard do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence—

A Message from the Council, This House have Appointed a Committe to Confer with a Committé of Your House on the Amendments made to the Bill Intitled an Act for Establishing and regulateing of Patrol's in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber Immeadiately—

ORDERED That Mr Montaigut be in the Absence of Mr Jones a Manager of the said Conferrence—

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning Nine °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday the 11th February 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournmt.

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read

Mr Edward Barnard Reported from the Confferrence with the Council on the amendments proposed in the Patrol Bill, that they thought Proper that the said aMendments should be agreed To—

The said report being read a second time was agreed to by the House—

RESOLVED Nem: Con: that the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the whole House

May it Please Your Excellency.

We the Representatives of this Province in General Assembly Met desire Your Excellency will be pleased to use all Proper means and employ your Interest in England that some measures may be taken to prevent the White Servants and Negroes belonging to the Inhabitants of this Province from receiving any Shelter and Protection in Augustine, and when we reflect on the tender regard you have constantly shewn to our Interest, We flatter our Selves that you will be kind enough to undertake this trouble for our Advantage since this Point happily obtain'd will not only secure the Property of the present settlers but also induce others to fix amongst us.

ORDERED That Mr Butler and Mr Mackintosh do attend His Excellency Acquainting him that this House have prepared an Address to present to His Excellency

and desire to know when he will please to be attended by the House for that Purpose—

The said Gentlemen Accordingly withdrew and being return'd Mr Butler Reported that His Excellency was pleased to answer he was now ready—

And accordingly Mr Speaker with the House went to attend the Governor and being returned Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended the Governor where He (Mr Speaker) presented their Address to his Excellency, to which His Excellency had been pleased to Give this Answer—

Gentlemen.

I will pay a particular attention to the matter you recommend in this Address, and use my utmost Interest in it, and upon all occasions when I am at Home, will do every thing in my power to promote the Good of this Colony.

And then the House Adjourn'd till to morrow morning Nine °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday the 12th February 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read.

A Petition of John Cooper and Grey Elliott in behalf of themselves and others, the Creditors of James Heart late of this province was presented to the House and read Setting forth, That the said James Heart being Indebted to the Petitioners in several large sums, has withdrawn

himself with all his Portable Effects from this province, with an Intention to defraud the petitioners of their Just due, And as there are three Tracts of Land belonging to the said Heart, which by a late Act of Attachment, are not Liable to be attached, and are the chief of what Effects he has in this Province; humbly beging you would take the Premises into Consideration and enable them to put the same Up to Sale that the produce may be distributed amongst his Creditors in proportion to their debts without which they will Suffer greatly—

ORDERED That the said petition do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of this House.

ORDERED That the Clerk of the Assembly do make out fair Copys of all the Acts passed and Assented To this Sessions for the use of the Assembly—

And then the House Adjourned till Monday Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday the 14th February 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read.

The House took into Consideration the Petitions of John Cooper and Grey Elliott.

ORDERED That a Bill be brought in, on the Prayer of the said Petition and that Mr Montaigut and Mr Butler do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr Montaigut presented according to order a Bill to impower the Commissioners hereafter appointed to Sell

and Dispose of the Lands of James Heart late of this Province Merchant & Planter for the payment of his just debts, and the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday the 15th ffebruary 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

The Minutes of the precedeing Day were read

The Bill to impower the Commissioners hereafter appointed to sell and Dispose of the Lands of James Heart late of this Province Merchant and Planter for the payment of his Just Debts was read the second time and commited—

ORDERED That the said Bill be read a third time to morrow morning

ORDERED That Mr Montaigut and Mr Edward Barnard do jointly with Mr Speaker examine the Journal of this Sessions of Assembly and Report the same to the House—

And then the House Adjourn'd till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday the 16 ffebruary 1757.

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read.

The Bill to impower the Commissioners hereafter appointed to sell and Dispose of the Lands of James Hart late of this Province Merchant and Planter for the payment of his just debts, was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday the 17th February 1757.

The House Met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read.

ORDERED That a Committé be Appointed to prepare an Address to Congratulate Henry Ellis Esqr on his safe arrival in this Province, and that Mr Butler, Mr Edward Barnard, and Mr Marcer be the said Committé.

A Message from the Lieutenant Governor

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen.

I do hereby Adjourn the House of Representatives of this Province till Tuesday the Eight Day of March next

Signed HENRY ELLIS

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia in the second Session of the second General Assembly first met on Monday the first day of November in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty six and continued by Prorogations to Thursday the sixteenth day of June in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven.

THO^s BURRINGTON
Clerk of the Commons
House of Assembly.

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A true Copy taken from the Original Examined ℘

James Whitefield Dept^y Sec^y

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia in the second Session of the second General Assembly of the said Province first met on Monday the first day of November, One Thousand Seven hundred and fifty Six and continued by Prorogation to Thursday the Sixteenth day of June in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and fifty Seven—

Thursday June 16th 1757.

The following Members met according to Prorogation

Joseph Ottolinghe
Samuel Mercer
William Francis
} Esq^rs for the Town and District of Savannah.

Joseph Butler Esqr for the District of Great and Little Ogechee

William Ewen } Esqrs for the Town & District of
David Montaigut } Ebenezer.

Noble Wimberly Jones Esqr for the Township of Acton.

John Barnard } Esqr for the Islands of Skiddoway
Wilmington and Green Island

John Elliott Esqr for the District of Midway

John Milledge Esqr for Vernonburgh.

John Morel Esqr for Abercorn and Goshen

John Fitch } Esqr for the Township and District
of Augusta—

James Deveaux Esqr for the District of Hallifax

John Mackintosh } Esqr for the Town and District of
Darien—

Motion was made and the Question put that the Person appointed to be Clerk of this Assembly do shew his Appointment.

It passed in the Affirmative

And he accordingly produced his Commission from the Governor and read it to the House.

A Message from the Governor.

A Message from the Govr. to the House to Chuse a Speaker

It is the Governors Pleasure that this House immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker and that he be presented to him at the Bar of the Upper House this Day at Twelve of the Clock

Accordingly the House did immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker and Chose David Montaigut Esqr their Speaker who was conducted to the Chair

A Message from ye House to ye Govr.

RESOLV'D that a Message be sent to the Governor to Acquaint him that the House have made Choice of a Speaker and desire to know when they shall attend His Honor to present him for His Honors Approbation.

ORDERED that Mr Milledge and Mr Francis do attend His Honor with the said Message.

They withdrew accordingly and being returned reported that they had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber and delivered the Message to his Honor who was pleased to desire them to Acquaint the House that he was then ready to receive them with the Speaker whom they intended to present for his Approbation.

Mr. Speaker wth. ye House attend ye Govr.

Whereupon Mr Speaker with the House attended his Honor in the Council Chamber, and being returned Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended his Honor in the Council Chamber where the Gentlemen whom the House had appointed for that purpose presented their Speaker to the Governor for his Approbation and that His Honor had been pleased to Approve of him

Mr Speaker also reported that His Honor had been pleased to make an Affectionate Speech to His Majestys Council and the House, of which Mr Speaker for fear of Misstaks had obtained a Copy—

Then His Honors Speech was read which is as followeth—

Gentlemen of the Council and of the Commons House of Assembly.

Govrs. Speech

The Honour his Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer on me in appointing me to preside in the Government of this Province, calls in a Particular manner for the Exertion of my best Abilities to approve myself not

unworthy of so distinguishing a Mark of the Royal favour.

Perswaded I am that the surest means of doing this will be to consult your felicity and the general Welfare of this Infant Colony.

Directed by these Considerations, I shall always be glad of your Advice and Assistance and shall esteem every proposal of yours of the same tendency as the most important Service you can render me.

I can with unfeigned Sincerity declare that I enter upon this Station with the most disinterested Views without prejudice to any Man or Body of Men or retrospect to past transactions or disputes but animated with the warmest Zeal for whatever concerns your Happiness or the Publick Utility sincerely inclined to concur with you in every just and Necessary Measure; And fully resolved that if unfortunately my Wishes and Endeavours prove fruitless, to be the first to sollicit my Recal.

From such Dispositions on my part I would willingly hope that you will not be wanting on yours. I flatter myself that your Zeal for the Publick Good is at least equal, and that you come together in the most dispassionate Temper divested of prepossession, Animosity and Distrust— Heartily disposed to cooperate with me in promoting the Publick Service, by establishing Order, mutual confidence and domestick tranquillity— As there never was a conjuncture when these where (sic) more immediately Necessary.

However interesting the Objects that used to engage your thoughts may seem they certainly bear no proportion to those that now demand your Attention. Your Religion: Your Liberty, Your all is at Stake. I do there-

fore earnestly exhort you to study your true Interests only, Not to spend your time so valuable to yourselves, and the Public in the pursuite of things trivial or unseasonable that may defeat the great ends of your Meeting.

Lay aside your Jelousies of each other and of Government and do not forget that you are a People, who have great and daily Obligations to your Mother Country for support and protection in this your exposed and helpless State: That you have a Constitutional Dependence upon her calculated for your Advantage, Security, and the General Good, and that from a Suitable and becoming Conduct alone you will be entitled to and may resonably expect a continuation of her regard and Assistance. And every sort of Encouragement and Indulgence from me that His Majestys Instructions Framed upon the purest principles of Equity, and the strictest regard to your Happiness, can authorize.

It is evident how much you have been the Object of the Royal Attention and Favour by the late Establishment of a regular System of Government among you, wherein your Interest and Convenience were principally consulted.

It is further manifested by the readiness with which the late supply of Arms and Amunition were granted. And Presents for securing the Indians in your Alliance and Defence, at a time of great Exigence, when the very Existence of the State is threatened by Efforts of a powerful and implacable Enemy. These Considerations ought to inspire you with the deepest Sentiments of Gratitude, And these Sentiments will be best shewn in discharge of those Duties you owe Yourselves, and your Country upon this important Occasion.

As I know how precious your time now is, I call you together but for a short setting, alth° upon Points of the last Consequence to your present safety, credit and future Prosperity.

Gentlemen

It would be needless to represent to you the dangerous Situation you are in, and the absolute necessity there is of exerting yourselves vigorously by employing in the most speedy and effacacious (sic) Manner every Means in your Power that may tend to avert those affecting Calamities that have already been so severely felt by some and are justly dreaded by all His Majestys American Subjects notwithstanding his paternal Endeavour to prevent them.

The chief part of these Misfortunes may not be improperly ascribed to the shameful Neglect, not to say perverseness of those who suffer and by whose Timely efforts and attention they might have in a great Measure (sic) have been prevented.

Instructed by so fatal an Example and urged by so many pressing and alarming Circumstances, I doubt not that youl distinguish Yourselves by an uncommon Zeal, and Alacrity, in concerting and carrying into Execution such Measures as are most suitable to this dangerous Crisis.

When Alarms are sounding from every Quarter, and when so active and formidable an Enemy is upon your Borders projecting by every means that inveterate Malice can suggest, the accomplishment of your Ruin, no time is to be lost—

I am sensible it is but little you are able to do, Yet that little should be done with Spirit, and Chearfulness becom-

ing Englishmen, who know how to prize the peculier and inestimable Blessings they enjoy. The Construction of Log Forts in proper Situations would certainly contribute to your Safety, by affording pleaces of retreat, where, upon any sudden emergency, a short stand might be made until Succour could arrive, and any Encouragement that can be given towards procuring an Accession of Inhabitants would accelerate your Prosperity, add to your strength and be the best Security in time to come—These weighty Considerations naturally suggest the Expediency and even Necessity of framing forthwith such Laws as shall be most conducive to those salutary Ends.

Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly

I have ordered the State of the Publick Debts to be laid before you, and I rely upon your takeing the most effectual and least burdensome Method for its discharge, and for preventing the like Incumbrances for the future, as the Maintainance of the Publick faith and Credit of this Province, is at all times essentially necessary, more especially at the present, when your safety is so closely connected with it I therefore hope it will constitute a Capital Object of your Deliberations.

Gentlemen of the Council and Commons House of Assembly

I defer Matters of a more general Nature to a future Occasion, when the Season will admit of a longer Absence from your private Concerns and now have only to recommend to you in the Strongest manner Unanimity and Dispatch —And you may depend on my ready Concurrence in everything that can promote your Real Happiness

Motion being made and the Question put that this

House do to Morrow form itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Governors Speech

Committee of ye whole House on the Govrs. Speech.

RESOLV'D that this House dò to Morrow form itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Governor's Speech—

Motion being made and Question put that certain Rules be drawn up for the Regulation of this House—

RESOLV'D that certain Rules be drawn up for the Regulation of this House

Committee appointed to draw up rules

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Jones and Mr Mercer be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Rules to Morrow—

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday June 17th 1757—

The House met according to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding day were ordered to be read and were read Accordingly

Report of Committee thereon

One of the Committee to prepare certain Rules for the Regulation of this House, reported that such Rules were prepared and ready whenever the House should be pleased to receive them—

The said Rules being received and read—

RESOLV'D that the said Rules be the standing Rules of this House—

ORDERED that the said Rules be fairly copied by the Clerk and pasted on a Board and hung up in the Assembly room—

The Order of the Day being read, Report was made the (sic) the House had resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House and taken His Honor the Governor's Speech into Consideration—

An Address to be presented to ye Govr.

RESOLV'D that an humble Address of the House be prepared to be presented to the Governor to thank his Honor for His Affectionate Speech and to testify to his Honor the grateful Sense of this House of His Majestys Goodness to this Province—

ORDERED that a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address upon the said Resolution—

And a Committee was appointed Accordingly of the following Gentlemen.

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Committee to draw up Address

Mr Deveaux, Mr Francis, Mr Elliott, Mr Ewin, Mr Jones

ORDERED that His Honors Speech be refered to the said Committee

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday the 18 June 1757

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding day were read

Bill for better settling the province Ordered

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better settling the Province of Georgia and that Mr Ottolinghe Mr Mercer and Mr Millidge do prepare and bring in the same—

And then the House Adjourned till Monday Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday June 20th 1757

The House met According to Adjournment.

The Minutes of the preceeding day were read

Report of Committee appointed to draw up Address

Mr Deveaux reported from the Committee who was appointed to draw up an Address to the Governor on the Subject Matter of His Honors Speech, That the Committee had prepared an Address accordingly which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED that the said Report be now received and Mr Deveaux accordingly read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks Table were the same was read and is as followeth

To the Honourable Henry Ellis Esq[r] Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same

Address to his Honor.

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly of the said Province—

May it Please Your Honor

We His Majesty's most dutyful and loyal Subjects the Commons House of Assembly of this Province beg Leave to return Your Honor our unfeigned Thanks for your most Affectionate Speech delivered to Us, at the Opening of this Session, and to congratulate Your Honor on Your safe Arrival into this your Government, Permit us Sir humbly to acknowledge, with the utmost Gratitude His Majestys paternal Care in appointing a Gentleman of Your Honors Abilities and Assiduity to preside over Us For the late Supply of Arms and Ammunition and Indian Presents at a Time of such Exigency, We are truly sensible that to facilitate the Attainment of Our future Felicity, we ought to be divested of Domestick disputes—And Act with Unanimity and Concord with Your disinterested Views without Prejudice to any Man, or Retrospect to past Transaction, being the only effectual Means to make Us happy and your Government easy. Such a Disposition in us, sincerely inclined to concur in every just and Necessary Measure, will greatly conduce to our Welfare, and Happiness, promote the Establishment of Order Confidence and Domestick, Tranquility, so indispensibly Necessary at this Conjuncture, when our holy Religion, Liberty, and property are at Stake — The deplorable Condition and Affecting Calamities of our fellow Subjects in the neighbouring Provinces, the defenceless State of this Frontier and the well grounded Alarms of Measures being concerted to carry into Execution every Means that Malice

can invent, to subdue and bow the Necks of British Subjects to the Yoke, and Slavery of France fill our Minds with the deepest Concern!

Alarmed by these fatal Circumstances tis to be hoped a suitable and becoming Conduct, will in a great Measure engage a Continuation of the regard of Our most Gracious Sovereign—And we are now met with no other Views then what tend to promte (sic) our Happiness and Prosperity. We beg leave to assure Your Honor, that nothing shall be wanting on our Part, which may contribute to such good Purposes. And we hope from the Harmony subsisting between the different Branches of the Legislature that no Measures will possibly be entered into which are not apparently calculated for the general Welfare of the People whom we represent—

Sir, we return our Thanks for Your tender Regard to the People of Georgia in takeing the first Oppertunity of recommending unto Us, the Maintainance of our Publick faith the Construction of Places of Retreat, upon any sudden Emergency, and we acknowledge equally Your Honors Wisdom, in pointing out to us, in our present Circumstances the absolute Necessity of giving Encouragement for an Accesion of Inhabitants to this Province.

These with the Assistance of Heaven, and the Happy Influence of your mild Administration we doubt not will prove effectual means to make the Province thrive and flourish—

Tis with Gratitude we Acknowledge Your Care for our Welfare, and Your Honors great Knowledge and Penetration in our provincial Affairs, which so conspiciously (sic) appear in the several Matters recommended to our Consideration — We are sensible of the Impor-

tance to ourselves, as well to our Mother Country, and shall therefore with the greatest Chearfulness and Alacrity, take them into our most serious Deliberations, and make not the least Doubt of haveing Your Honors Concurrence in all such Measures as may be acceptable to our Most Gracious Sovereign, beneficial to Great Britain and adventageous to Georgia.

The said Report being read and the House makeing some Amendments therein—

ORDERED the said Address be ingrossed,

Motion was made and the Question put that The Revd Mr Zouberbuhler have the thanks of the House for his Excellent Sermon preached Yesterday.

Thanks of the House to Mr. Zouberbuhler for his Sermon

RESOLV'D that The Revd Mr Zouberbuhler have the thanks of this House for his Sermon preached Yesterday

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Morel do return the Thanks of the House to The Revd Zouberbuhler for his Excellent Sermon preached Yesterday.

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday June 21st 1757.

The House met According a Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read.

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday June 22th 1757.

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding day were read

The Address to His Honor being ingrossed According to Order.

ORDERED that it be read to the House.

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do Sign the same—

And Mr Speaker Signed the same Accordingly.

RESOLV'D that the said Address be presented to His Honor by the Whole House.

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Francis do attend His Honor and acquaint him that the House have an Address to present to His Honor and Desire to know when he will please to be Attended by the House for that purpose—

The House attend ye Gov. wt. their Address

The said Gentlemen Accordingly withdrew and being returned Mr Ottolenghe reported to the House that Mr Francis and himself had pursuant to their Order Attended the Governor and delivered the Message to His Honor, And that his Honor had been pleas'd to say that he will be ready to receive the House with their Address this Day at 12 OClock—

ORDERED that the said Address be presented at 12 OClock

And accordingly Mr Speaker with the House attended the Governor, And being returned, Mr Speaker reported

that the House had attended the Governor and that he (Mr Speaker had presented their Address to his Honor to which he had been pleased to give the following Answer Vizt

Govrs. Answer to the Address.

Gentlemen. The just Sense you entertain of His Majesty's great Goodness to this Colony, and the very partial and Obligeing manner in which you are pleas'd to express Yourselves of me must needs be very Agreeable to me and merit my sincere thanks—

The Unanimity you discover, the Zeal you profess and the Regard you seem to have for the true Interest of your Constituents, and your Country are Symptoms that presage a happy Issue to your Deliberations And I cannot doubt but every one of you will persevere in these good Dispositions, and that all your Resolutions will be for your own Honor and the safety and Prosperity of this Province—

Bill for better settling the Province brought in

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House (according to order) A Bill for the better settling the Province of Georgia, and the same was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time—

A Bill for regulating Taverns Ordered.

Ordered that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for regulateing Taverns and Punch Houses in this Province and that Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Francis do prepare and bring in the same—

A Bill for establishing a Watch Ord.

Ordered that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for for (sic) Establishing a Watch in the Town of Savannah and that Mr Barnard and Mr Deveaux do prepare and bring in the same—

A Bill for establishing Patrols Ordd.

Ordered that Leave be given to bring in a Bill to Establish Patroles in this Province, and that Mr Elliott Mr Delegal and Mr Jones do prepare and bring in the same.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday June 23th 1757

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read

The Govr. Address'd to Order new writs for Election of Two Members

Motion was made and the Question put that an Address be presented to His Honor to desire he will be pleas'd to give Directions to the Secretary to Issue Writs to the Provost Marshal to impower him to make out Warrants for the Election of two Members to serve in the General Assembly, One for the Town and District of Ebenezer in the room of William Little Esqr who is gone to England and another for the Town and District of Savannah in the room of Charles Wattson Esqr now Deputy Clerk of His Majestys Honorable Council—

Resolv'd that an Address be present'd to His Honor desireing he will be pleas'd to give Directions to the Secretary to issue Writs to the Provost Marshal to impower him to make out Warrants for the Election of two Members to serve in the General Assembly, One for the Town and District of Ebenezer in the room of William Little Esqr who is gone to England, and another for the Town and District of Savannah in the room of Charles Wattson Esqr now Deputy Clerk of His Majesty's Honorable Council.

Ordered that the said Address be immediately drawn up and that Mr Butler and Mr Fitch do present the same—

The Address was drawn up and read, and is as follows.

To The Honorable Henry Ellis Esq[r] Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's (sic) of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same—

May it please your Honor

Address

The Commons House of Assembly desire your Honor will be pleased to give Directions to the Secretary to issue Writs to the Provost Marshal to impower him to make out Warrants for the Election of two Members to serve in General Assembly One for the Town and District of Ebenezer in the room of William Little Esq[r] who is gone to England, and another for the Town and District of Savannah in the room of Charles Wattson Esq[r] now Deputy Clerk of His Majestys Honorable Council.

DAVID MONTAIGUT Speaker

June 23th 1757.

Then M[r] Buttler and M[r] Fitch withdrew, and being returned they reported to the House that they had persuant to their Order attended the Governor and Deliver'd the said Address, and that His Honor, had been pleas'd to say he would Order Writs of Election Accordingly—

Bill for better settling the the provce. read 2d. time

The Bill for the Better settling the Province of Georgia was read the Second time—

ORDERED to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

Committee of Whole house on said Bill

RESOLV'D This House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider of the said Bill—

Then M[r] Speaker left the Chair and the House resolv'd itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider of the said Bill—

And after sometime spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Ottolenghe reported from the said Committee, they had Directed him to Acquaint the House that they had made some Progress therein—

Committee moved to sit again

Mr Ottolenghe also acquainted the House he was Directed to move that they have Leave to sit again—

RESOLV'D that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Bill to Morrow

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday June 24th 1757—

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding day were read.

Bill to put in force divers statutes of grt. Britn. Ordd.

ORDERED that Leave be given to bring in a Bill to put in force in this Province several Statutes of the Kingdom of England or South Britain to be therein Particularly mentioned—

ORDERED that Mr Buttler and Mr Ottolenghe do prepare and bring in the same—

Report of Committee on Bill for better settg. the Province.

Mr Ottolenghe reported from the Committee to whom the Bill intitled an Act for the better settling the the (sic) Province of Georgia was committed that they had gone through the Bill and made several Amendments to the same which they had Directed him to report to the House which were read and agreed to by the House—

Bill Ord. to be ingrossed.

ORDERED the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed—

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday June 25th 1757

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read

Bill for better settling ye Province read ye third time & Pass'd

The Engrossed Bill for the Better settling the Province of Georgia was read the Third time—

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do sign the Same.

ORDERED that Mr Delegal and Mr Elliott do carry up the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto who returning reported the Delivery thereof—

A Bill for estabg. Patrols brought in.

Mr Elliott presented to the House (according to Order) a Bill for Establishing and regulateing Patrols, which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second Time—

ORDERED that this House be called over on Monday the 11 Day of July next—

Circular Letters Ordered to Abst. Members

ORDERED that the Clerk of this House write circular Letters requireing the Attendance of the Members of this House on Monday the 11 Day of July next

RESOLV'D that this House will proceed with the utmost Severity against such Members as shall not then attend the Service of this House—

And then the House Adjourned till Monday Morning Nine OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday June 27th 1757.

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read

Bill for regulat-ing Patl. read ye Second time & Committd.

The Bill for Establishing and regulateing Patrols was read a Second a (sic) Second time, and ordered to be refered to a Committee of the Whole House—

RESOLV'D this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider of the said Bill—

Then Mr Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the said Bill—

Report of Committee thereon.

And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Jones reported from the Committee to whom the said Bill was committed that they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments to the same which were read and agreed to by the House

Bill Ord. to be ingross'd

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

ORDERED that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for

Bill for Security of ye Province Ordd.

the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia by erecting Forts in the several parts thereof and for Appointing Commissiones to carry the same into Execution.

ORDERED that Mr Deveaux and Mr Morel and Mr Ottolenghe be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House Adjourned til to Morrow Morning Eight OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday June 28th 1757.

The House met according to Adjournment—

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read—

Bill for Security of Province brout. in & read first time.

The Bill for the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia by Erecting Forts in the Several Parts thereof and appointing Commissioners to carry the same into Execution was read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second time to Morrow Morning.

Bill for regulating Patrols read ye third time & Passd.

The ingrossed Bill for Establishing and regulateing Patrols in this Province was read the third time—

RESOLV'D that the Bill do pass.

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do Sign the same—

ORDERED that Mr Francis and Mr Elliott be a Committee to carry up the same to their Honor's the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto—

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight O'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday June 29th 1757.

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read

Bill for the Security of th Provce read 2d. time & Committed.

The Bill for the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia by Erecting Forts in the several Parts thereof and for Appointing Comissioners to carry the same into Execution was read a Second time and Ordered to be refered to a Committee of of (sic) the Whole House—

RESOLV'D that this House resolve itself immediately into a Committee of the Whole House to consider of the said Bill—

Then Mr Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider of the said Bill—

Report of Committee

desired leave to sit again

And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Deveaux reported from the said Committee that they had made some progress therein and desired Leave to sit again

RESOLV'D that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to consider of the said Bill in the Afternoon—

Mr Francis and Mr Elliott who was appointed to carry up the Bill for Establishing and regulateing Patrols to their Honors the Council for their Concurrence, Being returned reported the Delivery thereof—

And then the House Adjourned till four of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The House met According to Adjournment

Second report of Commttee on Bill for Secuy of the Province

Mr Deveaux reported from the Committee to Whom the Bill for the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia by Erecting Forts in the Several Parts thereof, and for appointing Commissioners to carry the same into Execution was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report to the House that they had made some further Progress therein and that he was also directed to move that the Committee have leave to sit again—

desire leave to sit again.

Resolv'd that the House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider further of the said Bill to Morrow Morning—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday June 30th 1757—

The House met According to Adjournment—

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read

A Motion was made that an Address be presented to His Honor the Governor to desire he will please to appoint Alarm Men or Look Outs to be Stationed in such places on the Sea Coast as His Honor shall think most convenient — And the Question being put—

Resolv'd that an Address be immediately drawn up, and presented to His Honor desireing he will be pleas'd to appoint, Alarm Men, or Look Outs to be Stationed in such Places on the Sea Coast as His Honor shall think

most Convenient. Which was drawn up, read, and agreed to by the House and is as follows Viz[t]

To His Honor Henry Ellis Esquire Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same—

May it please your Honor

Address to his Honor to appoint Alarm men on ye Sea Coast.

We his Majesty's most Dutyfull and loyal Subjects the Commons House of Assembly of His Majestys Province of Georgia haveing taken into our Consideration the Naked and Expose'd Condition of this Province on the Sea side, there being no Ship or Vessel to guard the Coast or give Intelligence in Case an Enemy should appear — Most Humbly pray your Honor will be pleas'd to appoint Alarm Men or Look Outs to be Stationed in such Places on the Sea Coast as Your Honor shall think most Convenient And whatever Expence shall arise by the Appointment of such Look Outs this House will take Care to provide for the Payment as soon as Possible.

DAVID MONTAIGUT Speaker

By Order of the House
June 30th 1757.

ORDERED that M[r] Speaker sign the same, who signed the same Accordingly

RESOLV'D the said Address be presented to His Honor by the Whole House

ORDERED that M[r] Ottolenghe and M[r] Francis be a Committee to wait on His Honor, and acquaint him that the House haveing an Address to present, Desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended therewith who [sic] Who returned and reported his Honor was pleas'd to say this Day at Twelve OClock—

Mr. Speaker and ye House attend his Honor wth ye aforesaid Address.

Mr Speaker with the House went to His Honor and presented the Address, and being returned, Mr Speaker reported they had attended His Honor and presented their Address, and that he was pleased to say in Answer thereto, That he would take care to appoint Alarm Men or Look Outs as desired and contribute every thing in his Power for the Safety and Welfare of this Province.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as followeth—

Mr Speaker

Bill for better settling the Provce passed ye Upper Hoe.

I am commanded by the Council to Acquaint the House that they have agreed to the Bill for the Better settling the Province of Georgia with some Amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of Your House.

A Third report of Commttee on Bill for Security of ye Provce.

Mr Deveaux reported from the Committee to whom the Bill for the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia, by Erecting Forts in the several Parts thereof and for Appointing Commissioners to carry the same into Execution was committed that the Committee had made some further progress therein and Desired leave to sit again—

Resolv'd that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to consider of the said Bill in the Afternoon

And then the House Adjourned till Four OClock in the Afternoon

The House met According to Adjournment

Fourth report of Commttee on ye same Bill that they had gone thro' the same.

Mr Deveaux reported from the Committee to whom the Bill for the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia by Erecting Forts in the several Parts thereof and for appointing Commissioners to carry the same into Execution was committed that the Committee had gone through the Bill and made several Amendments to the same, which the Committee directed him to report to the House, which were read and Agreed to by the House—

ORDERED the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The Honorable James Edward Powel Esqr Publick Treasurer laid before the House his Accounts for their Inspection.

Commttee Ordd to inspect Treasures Accts.

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Milledge and Mr Deveaux be a Committee to inspect and Examine the Publick Treasurers Accounts and that the said Committee have Power to send for Persons Papers and Vouchers—

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight OClock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday July 1th 1757—

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill for the Better settling the Province of Georgia and agreed to some and rejected others—

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Council.

Commons House of Assembly

Honorable Gentlemen

A Message to ye Council on Amendts to bill for better settling ye Province

The House haveing taken into Consideration the Amendments made by Your Honors to the Bill for the Better settling the Province of Georgia have agreed to some, and Disagreed to others and therefore desire to know if Your Honors will will (sic) be pleas'd to appoint A Committee of Your House to Join a Committee of this House in a Conference upon the Subject Matter of the said Amendments, and if Your Honors please to join therein — The House desire you would appoint your Number, Time and Place—

ORDERED that Mr Barnard and Mr Mackintosh be a Committee to carry up the same, who returning reported they could not be Admitted—

And then the House Adjourned till Four OClock in the Afternoon—

The House met According to Adjournment

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Council by Mr Deveaux Vizt

Commons House of Assembly

Honorable Gentlemen.

Second Message on ye same Subject.

In the Morning of this Day we sent a Message to you to desire a Conference with you in respect to some Amendments made by you to the Bill for the Better settling the Province of Georgia by two of the Members of this House who after waiting at the Door of Your House a Quarter of an Hour returned and reported they could not be Admitted to Deliver their Message, We therefore cannot proceed any further in Business with Your House, Until you let us know and give us Sufficient Reasons why you would not Admit the Members sent on the said Message—

A Message from the Council by their Clerk—

Upper House of Assembly

Mr Speaker

Answr. to ye foregoing Message.

In Answer to the Message of Your House just now received. The Messenger of This House, in the Morning acquainted the Chair Man of a Committee of the Whole House then sitting, that there was a Message from the Commons House of Assembly, and was told by the Chairman, That the House was in a Committee— But the business of that Committee would be soon ended, and the House would then Sit—

July 1d 1757—

The Bill for ye Security of ye Province read ye third time— & Pass'd

The Bill for the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia by Erecting Forts in the Several Parts thereof, and for Appointing Commissioners to carry the same into Execution was read the third time—

RESOLV'D the Bill do pass

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do sign the same who Signed the same Accordingly—

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight O'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday July 2d 1757

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read

ORDERED that Mr Mercer and Mr Morel be a Committee to carry up the Bill for the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia to their Honors the Council to desire their Concurrence thereto

Watch Bill presd. & read ye first time.

Mr Deveaux presented to the House According to Order a Bill for keeping and Maintaining a Watch and Good Order in the Town of Savannah which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second time.

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Council Vizt

Commons House of Assembly

Honorable Gentlemen

The Members who were sent Yesterday on a Message

Message to ye Council

to Your House say, That the Messenger of Your House did not tell them that your House was in a Committee, but the Business of that Committee would be soon ended and the House would then sit — As by Your Answer to our Message you say he was told — They say that when your Messenger was desired to acquaint your House there was a Message from this House (he went in) and then came back, and Shut to the Door, and told them By and By They further report that they waited a Quarter of an Hour at the Door of Your House and not being Able to gain Admittance they came a Way.

ORDERED that Mr Francis carry up the same who returning reported the Delivery thereof—

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as followeth—

Upper House of Assembly

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

Answr. to ye foregoing Message.

As it appears by your Message to this House that Our Messenger did not faithfully deliver the Message given him Yesterday by the Chairman of the Committee then setting — We have therefore reprimanded him which we hope will prevent his Commiting such Mistakes for the Future—

July 2d 1757—

ORDERED that the Message intended to be delivered to the Council Yesterday be now sent up and that Mr Barnard carry up the same, who returning reported the Delivery thereof—

Mr Mercer and Mr Morel who were appointed a Committee to carry up the Bill for the Security and Defence

of the Province of Georgia to the Council and desire their Concurrence being returned reported the Delivery thereof—

And then the House Adjourned till Monday Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday July 4th 1757.

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read.

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday July 5th 1757.

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read

Watch Bill read Second time & Commtd

The Bill for Establishing a Watch in the Town of Savannah was read a Second time and Ordered to be refered to a Committee of the Whole House.

RESOLV'D that this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the said Bill.

Then Mr Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider of the said Bill, And after some time spent

Report of Committee thereon

desired leave to sit again

therein— Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Deveaux reported from the said Committee that the Committee had made Some Progress therein and Desired leave to sit again

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to consider of the said Bill in the Afternoon.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as followeth Vizt

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

A Message from ye Upper House yt the (sic) agree to a Conferce—

In Answer to your Message of Saturday last this House have agreed to a Conference and have accordingly appointed a Committee to meet a Committee of Your House on the Amendment made to the Bill for the Better Settling the Province of Georgia at Four O'Clock to Morrow Afternoon in the Room Adjoining to the Council Chamber And have Appointed a Committee for that purpose

Upper House of Assembly
4th July 1757.

Committee

The Honbl { William Clifton, William Knox, James Edward Powel } Esqrs

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Deveaux and Mr Francis be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council in a free Conference on the Amendments made to the Bill for the Better Settling the Province of Georgia this Day in the Afternoon at Four O Clock in the room adjoining the Council Chamber

They went Accordingly and being returned reported they had Agreed to and settled the Amendments made to the said Bill.

The said report being read a Second time was Agreed to by the House.

ORDERED that Mr Francis do acquaint the Council therewith—

New Member for the Town & Dist. of Savannah take ye Oaths

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Edward Barnard go with Henry Yonge Esqr return'd Member for the Town and District of Savannah to attend His Honor in Order to his takeing the Oaths— They withdrew Accordingly, and being returned they reported that Mr Yonge had taken and Subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Oaths of Abjuration and made and Subscribed the Declaration

The House took the Amendments made by the Council to the Patrol Bill into Consideration and Agreed thereto without any Alteration of their Own

ORDERED Mr Francis do acquaint the Council therewith.

Second report of Committee on Watch Bill

Mr Deveaux reported from the Committee to whom the Bill for Establishing a Watch in the Town of Savannah was committed that the Committee had made some further Progress therein and Desired leave to sit again to Morrow Morning.

desd leave to sit again

RESOLV'D that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Bill.

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday July 6th 1757

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read

Bill for regulating Taverns &c presentd, read first time—

Mr Ottolenghe presented (According to Order) to the House a Bill for Regulating Taverns and Punch Houses and Retailers of Spirituous (sic) in the Province of Georgia and the same was received and read the first time, and Ordered to be read the Second time

Third report on Watch Bill.

desired leave to sit again

Mr Deveaux reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to whom the Bill for Establishing a Watch in the Town of Savannah was committed that some Objections were raised to the said Bill which prevented them in proceeding further in the Execution thereof at present and therefore desired leave to sit again.

Resolv'd that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to consider of the said Bill to Morrow

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as followeth

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

A Message from ye Council.

Upon the Report made by the Committee of Conference of Our House of the Alterations agreed upon by them with a Committee of your House to the Amendments made to the Bill for the Better setling the Province of Georgia, This House doth agree with the Commitmittee therein

Upper House of Assembly
6th July 1757.

Mr Francis went Acccording to Order to the Council to Acquaint them that this House had agreed with the Committee of Conference of the Council in the Alterations agreed to by them of the Amendments made to the Bill for the better Settling the Province of Georgia, And also that the House had Agreed to the Amendments made by the Council to the (sic) for Establishing and regulating Patrols without any Amendments of their Own, who being returned (sic) the Delivery thereof.

Tavern Bill read Second time & Committd.

The Bill for regulating Taverns and Punch Houses and Retailers of Spiritious (sic) Liquors was read a Second time, and ordered to be refered to a Committee of the Whole House.

RESOLV'D that this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider of the said Bill.

Report of Committee thereon—

Then Mr Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider of the said Bill. And after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ottolenghe reported from the said Committee, that the Committee had desired him to Acquaint the House that the Committee had made some Progress therein and desired leave to sit again.

desired leave to sit again—

RESOLV'D that the House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to consider of the said Bill.

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight O Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday July 7th 1757.

The House met According to Adjournment.

The Minutes of the preceeding day were read.

Report of Committee for examining the Publick Accounts.

Mr Ottolenghe reported from the Committee to inspect and examine the Publick Accounts that in the Course of their Examination of the Estimate of the Publick Debts of this Province they find that Large sums of Money have been pass'd to be paid more then they think the Assembly ever intended to provide for.

That the Committee made these remarks in Order to prevent for the future any blending of Publick Money provided for by a General Tax of this Province with the contingent Money granted by the Goverment

The Committee Observe also that the Collectors of Several Districts in this Province have not made a Return of their several Collections.

A Motion being made that the House would immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the Whole House to take the said Report into Consideration

Resolv'd that this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the Whole House to take the Report into Consideration to Morrow Morning.

The New Member for Ebenezer take ye Oaths

Ordered that Mr Mercer and Mr Fitch be a Committee to go with Theobald Keefer Esqr who is returned Member for the Town and District of Ebenezer to attend His Honor in Order to his takeing the Oaths.

They withdrew Accordingly and being returned re-

ported that Mr Keefer had taken and Subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Oaths of Abjuration, and made and Subscribed the Declaration.

Report of Comtee on Watch Bill yt they had gone through ye same

Mr Deveaux reported from the Committee to whom the Bill for Establishing a Watch in the Town of Savannah was committed that they had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments to the same which they had directed him to Report to the House which were read and Agreed to by the House

Watch Bill Ordd to be ingross'd

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

And then the House Adjourned till Four of the Clock in the Afternoon

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Report of Comttee on Tavern Bill

Mr Francis reported from the Committee to whom the Bill for Regulating Taverns and Punch Houses and Retailers of Spiritious Liquors in the Province of (sic) of Georgia was committed, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto, Which were read and agreed to by the House.

Ordd to be ingrossd

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

And then the House Adjourned till to (sic) Morning Eight Of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday July 8th 1757

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read.

Watch Bill read ye third time & Pass'd

The Bill for Establishing and regulating a Watch in the Town of Savannah was read the Third time.

RESOLV'D the Bill do pass.

ORDERED that Mr Francis and Mr Mercer be a Committee to carry up the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto, who returning reported the Delivery thereof.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as follows Vizt

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

Message from ye Upper House

I am commanded by the Council to Acquaint the House, that they have agreed to the Bill for the Defence and Security of the Province of Georgia with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Report of Committee on Public Accts

desire leave to sitt again—

Mr Ottolenghe reported from the Committee appointed to inspect and Examine the Publick Accounts that the Committee had gone through Part thereof and desired leave to sit again.

RESOLV'D that this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the Whole House further to inspect and Examine the said Accounts in the Afternoon

And then the House Adjourned till four of the Clock in the Afternoon

Friday Afternoon

The House met According to Adjournment

Tavern Bill read 3d time & Passed

The Bill for regulating Taverns and Punch Houses was read the third time.

RESOLV'D the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED that Mr Kiefer and Mr Milledge be a Committee to carry the said Bill to the Upper House and Desire their Concurrence thereto

The House took the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill for the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia into Consideration and agreed thereto— Without any alteration of their own

ORDERED that Mr Milledge do acquaint the Upper House therewith.

Further report of Commtee on Provce Accouts

Mr Ottolenghe reported from the Committee appointed to inspect and Examine the Publick Accounts that the Committee had made some further Progress in their Examination of the said Accounts and desired leave to sit again.

RESOLV'D that this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the Whole House to inspect and Examine the said Accounts to Morrow Morning.

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday July 9th 1757.

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read.

Mr Ottolenghe reported from the Committee appointed to inspect and examine the Publick Accounts that the Commitee had made some further Progress in the Examination thereof and Desired leave to sit again—

RESOLV'D that this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the Whole House further to inspect and examine the said Accts on Monday Morning next

Bill to amend ye Militia Act Ordd

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Amendment of an Act, for regulating the Militia of this Province and for the Security and the better Defence of the same and that Mr Jones and Mr Delegal do prepare and bring in the same.

and presented and read ye first time

Mr Jones presented according to Order a Bill for the Amendment of an Act intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province and for the Security and better Defence of the same which was received and read the (sic) the first time and Ordered to be read a Second time

Bill for imprintg £ s d 638 - 7 - 1¾ to discharge Publick Debt.

ORDERED that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for imprinting and issueing in Paper Bills of Credit the Sum of Six Hundred and thirty Eight Pounds Seven Shillings One penny and a farthing to be applied in Discharge of the Publick Debts, and also for appointing three fourths of the Interest on the Sum of Two Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty five Pounds already issued and let to Interest to the Sinking the said Sum and

that Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Edward Barnard do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr Milledge reported from the Committee appointed to carry the Bill for regulating Taverns and Punch Houses and Retailers of Spiritious Liquors to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto, that they had Delivered the same

Mr Milledge who was Ordered to Acquaint the Upper House that this House had Agreed to the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill for the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia without any Alterations of their Own, being returned reported the Delivery thereof—

Bill for carring fire Arms to places of Worship

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill to Oblige all Male, White Persons from the Age of Sixteen to carry Fire Arms to all Places of Divine Worship in this Province, and that Mr Yonge and Mr Jones do prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House Adjourned till Monday Morning Nine O Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday July 11th 1757.

The House met According to Adjournment.

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read.

Report of Commttee on Publick Accounts

Mr Ottolenghe reported from the Committee appointed to inspect and examine the Publick Accoutts That the Committee had made some further Progress, but could not compleat the said Examination— Therefore desired

that the former private Committee may examine the said Accounts and that two Persons be added to the said Committee.

ORDERED that Mr Ewin and Mr Edward Barnard be added to the said Committee.

Bill for Persons to Carry fire Arms to Places of Worship Presd and read ye 1d time (sic)

Mr Jones presented According to Order a Bill to Oblige all Male White Persons to carry Fire Arms to all Places of Publick Worship The same was read the first time, And Ordered to be read a Second time

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday July 12th 1757.

The House met According to Adjournment.

The Minutes of the preceeding day were read

Report of Committee on Publick Accts

Mr Ottolenghe reported from the Committee appointed to inspect and examine the Publick Accounts. That your Committee haveing gone through and examined the Whole of the Publick Accounts are of Opinion That the Bundle Mark'd N° 1 should stand in due course of payment from the Publick which Total amount is Six Hundred and Sixty five Pounds Eleven Shillings and Nine Pence half penny and the Bundle Mark'd N° 2 wherein are some over Charges, Therefore your Committee have made some Deduction's therefrom And the Bundle N° 3 they have objected to, and are of Opinion that the Publick is not Chargeable with the same.

Motion was made and the Question put, that this

House will allow all Accounts produced, that shall appear to be just, and due, at this time— And it was carried in the Affirmative.

RESOLV'D That this House will not for the future provide for the Payment of any Accounts, over and above the Charges of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, and the Setting of General Assembly's, But such as may be approv'd of by this House.

ORDERED that a Committee be appointed to bring in a State of the Publick Debts, and Mr Yonge and Mr Ewin to be that Committee.

Bill from the Upper house for preventg ye Enemy being supplied wt. Provisions.

A Message from the Upper House by their Clerk that they had Pass'd a Bill for preventing the Enemy from being supplied over Land with Provisions from this Province.

ORDERED that the Bill lie on the Table

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday July 13th 1757.

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding day were read

Bill for preventing the Enemy being suppd wt. Provisns read ye first time

An ingross'd Bill from the Council for preventing the Enemy from being supplied over Land with Provisions from this Province was read the first time, and Ordered to be read a Second time.

Bill to amend Militia Act read ye second time & Committd

The Bill for the Amendment of an Act intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province, and for the Security and better Defence of the same, was read a Second time and Ordered to be refered to a Committee of the Whole House.

RESOLV'D that this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the said Bill

Report of Committee thereon.

Then Mr Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the said Bill, and after some time spent therein Mr Yonge reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made some Amendments therein which they directed him to report to the House which were read and agreed to by the House.

Bill Ordd to be ingrossd

ORDERED that the said Bill with Amendments be ingrossed.

Bill to Oblige Persons to carry Fire Arms read 2d time & Committed

The Bill intitled an Act to Oblige Male white Persons in the Province of Georgia to carry Fire Arms to all Places of Publick Worship was now read a Second time. And ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House

RESOLV'D that this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider of the said Bill—

Report of Commttee thereon

Then Mr Speaker left the Chair and the House resolv'd itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider of the said Bill and after some time spent therein Mr Yonge reported that they had gone through the said Bill, And made some Amendments thereto. Which they directed him to report to the House. Which were read and agreed to by the House—

Bill Ordd to be ingrossed

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be ingross'd—

A Message from the Upper House by their Clerk, that they had agreed to the Bill, for the Establishing a Watch in the Town of Savannah with some Amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

Report of Committee to bring in a State of Publick Debt.

Mr Yonge from the Committee appointed to bring in a State of the Publick Debts reported they had gone through the same and that the Whole Debts amounted to Eight Hundred and forty four Pounds Sixteen Shillings and two Pence farthing—

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do sign the several Accounts allowed by this House amounting to the above Sum—

And then the House Adjourn'd till Four in the Afternoon—

The House met According to Adjournment

The House took the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill intitled an Act for Establishing a Watch in the Town of Savannah into Consideration and agreed to the same without any Amendments of their own

ORDERED that Mr Edward Barnard do acquaint the Council therewith returning reported he had delivered the said Message

Bill to Amend Militia Act read the third time and Passed

The Bill intitled an Act, to amend an Act intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province was read the third time

RESOLV'D that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Morel and Mr Edward Barnard be a Committee to carry up the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto, returning reported the Delivery thereof—

A Bill to Oblige Persons to carry Fire Arms read the third time & Pass'd

The Bill intitled an Act to Oblige White Male Persons in the Province of Georgia to carry Fire Arms to all Places of Publick Worship was read the Third time.

RESOLV'D that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Morel and Mr Edward Barnard be a Committee to carry up the said Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto, being returned reported the Delivery thereof—

Bill for imprintg Bills of Credit read a 2d time & Committed

The Bill intitled an Act for imprinting and issuing in Paper Bills of Credit the Sum of Six hundred and thirty eight Pounds Seven shillings and one Penny farthing to be applied in Discharge of the Publick Debts was read a Second time—

And Ordered to be refered to a Committee of the Whole House

RESOLV'D that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider of the said Bill to Morrow Morning—

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight O'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday July 14th 1757.

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding Day were read

Committee on ye Bill for imprinting Bills of Credit

The Order of the Day being read the House resolv'd itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider of the Bill for imprinting and issueing in Paper Bills of Credit the Sum of Six hundred and thirty Eight Pounds Seven Shillings and one Penny farthing to be applied in Discharge of the Publick Debt

And Report thereof

And then Mr Speaker left the Chair and after some time spent therein Mr Ottolenghe reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the same and had made several Amendments thereto which they directed him to report to the House which was read and agreed to by the House—

Bill Ordd to be ingrossd

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be ingross'd—

Bill for preventing ye Enemy being suppd with Provision read 2d time and Committd

The ingross'd Bill from the Council for preventing the Enemy from being supplied over Land with Provisions from this Province was now read a Second time and Ordered to be refered to a Committee of the Whole House—

RESOLV'D that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the into (sic) Whole House to consider of the said Bill in the Afternoon—

A Tax bill Orddered— (sic)

ORDERED that a Bill for Defraying the Publick Expences from the 24 June 1757 to the 24 of June 1758 by a General Tax be prepared and that Mr Ottolenghe

and Mr Edward Barnard do prepare and bring in the same—

Committee Appd to make an Estite of Publick Debt

ORDERED that a Committee be appoint'd to make an Estimate of the Publick Debts to be annex'd to the Bill for Defraying the said Expences from the 24 June 1757 to the 24 of June 1758 and that Mr Deveaux and Mr Yonge do prepare the same—

Then the House Adjourned till four OClock in the Afternoon

Thursday Afternoon

Report thereon

Mr Deveaux reported from the Committee appointed to make an Estimate of the Publick Debts that they had prepared an Estimate thereof which was ready to be delivered when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED the said Estimate be now received

Report of Commttee on ye Bill for prevg. the Enemy from being suppd with Provision

Mr Barnard reported from the Committee to whom the Bill for preventing the Enemy from being Supply'd over Land with Provisions from this Province was committed that they had gone through the Bill and made some Amendments thereto, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House which was read and agreed to by the House—

The Bill Ordd to be ingrossd.

ORDERED the said Bill to be ingross'd with the Amendments—

A Message from the Council

A Message from the Upper House by their Clerk that they had Agreed to the Bill, to Oblige White Male Persons in the Province of Georgia to carry Fire Arms to

all Places of Publick Worship with some Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House—

And also that they had agreed to the Bill to Amend an Act intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province with some Amendments to which they desire the Concurence of this House.

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday July 15th 1757

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding day were read.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Councill to the Bill to amend an Act, intitled an Act, for regulating the Militia of this Province, and agreed to some and rejected others—

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Council—

Commons House of Assembly July 15th 1757

Honorable Gentlemen

A Message to the Council

The House having taken into Consideration the Amendments made by your House, to ye Bill to amend an Act intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province have agreed to some and rejected others, and therefore desire your Honors will please to appoint a Committee of your House, to join a Committee of this

House in a Conference upon the Subject matter of the said Amendments—

ORDERED that Mr Edward Barnard do carry up the same, who returning reported the delivery thereof.

The House took the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill to Oblige White Male Persons in the Province of Georgia to carry Fire Arms to all Places of Publick Worship and agreed thereto—

ORDERED that Mr Barnard do acquaint the Council therewith—

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as followeth—

Upper House of Assembly 15th July 1757

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

A Message from ye Council.

In Answer to your Message of this Day, This House doth agree to the Conference you desire on the Amendments made by this House, to the Bill to amend an Act intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province in the room adjoining to the Council Chamber immediately.

The Committee appointed are

The Honble { Francis Harris, Jonathan Bryan, James Edwd Powell } Esqrs

ORDERED that Mr Yonge Mr Francis and Mr Jones be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council in a free Conference on the Amendments made to the Bill for the amending an Act, intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province immediately, in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber; They went accordingly,

and being returned reported that the Committee had agreed to and settled the said Amendments made to the said Bill

The report being read a Second time was agreed to by the House

The Bill for preventg the Enemy from being suppd wt. Provisions read the 3d time & Passed.

The Bill for preventing the Enemy from being supply'd our (sic) Land with provisions from this Province was read a third time

RESOLV'D the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED that Mr Millidge do carry up the said Bill to the Council and desire their Concurence thereto—

And then the House Adjourned till four OClock in the Afternoon

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The House met According to Adjournment

Mr Millidge who was sent to carry up the Bill to the Council for preventing the Enemy from being supply'd over Land with Provisions from this Province with several Amendments, and desire their Concurence thereto, being returned Reported the Delivery thereof

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as followeth—

Upper House of Assembly 15th July 1757.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

A Message from ye Council desg. a Conference

The Upper House desire a Conference may be, between a Committee of their House, and a Committee of your House on the subject Matter of the Amendments

made by your House, to the Bill for preventing the Enemy from being supply'd over Land with Provisions from this Province, in the room Adjoining to the Council Chamber immediately.

The Committee are

The Hon^{le} { William Knox, Jonathan Bryan, James Edward Powell, William Clifton, James Habersham } Esq^{rs}

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as followeth—

Upper House of Assembly 15th July 1757—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

A Message from the Council.

Upon the report made by the Committee of Conference upon the Amendments to an Act, intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province, This House doth not agree to the Allterations (sic) made in the said Amendments of the said Bill by the said Committee—

ORDERED that Mr Yonge Mr Deveaux Mr Jones Mr Elliott and Mr Mackintosh be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council in a Conference upon the Amendments made to the Bill for preventing the Enemy from being supply'd over Land with Provisions from this Province immediately in the Room adjoining to the Council Chamber

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday July 16th 1757

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding day were read

Bill for issuing Paper Bills of Credit read the third time & Pass'd.

The Bill for Stamping and issuing in Paper Bills of Credit the Sum of Six Hundred and thirty Eight Pounds Seven Shillings and One Penny farthing to be apply'd in Discharge of the Publick Debt. And also for appropriating three fourths of the Interest on the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and eighty five Pounds alread (sic) issued and let to Interest to sinking the said Sum &c was read the third time—

RESOLV'D that the Bill do Pass.

Tax Bill presented & read ye 1d. time (sic)

ORDERED that Mr Morel and Mr Barnard do carry up the said Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto, Who returning reported the Delivery thereof — Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House according to Order—The Bill for raising and granting to His Majesty a Sum of Money to defray the Expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminor (sic) and some other Expences of Government which was received by the House and read the first time, and Ordered to be read a Second time.

Mr Yonge reported from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council in a free Conference on the Amendments made to the Bill for preventing the Enemy from being supply'd with Provisions from this Province — The Committee had agreed to the Amendments to the said Bill

The Report being read a Second time was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED that Mr Yonge do acquaint the Council therewith, Who returning reported the Delivery thereof—

ORDERED that leave of Absence be given to John Fitch Esqr

And then the House Adjourned till Monday Morning Nine OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday July 18th 1757

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding day were read

Tax Bill read a 2d. time & Commttd.

The Bill for raising and granting to His Majesty a Sum of Money to defray the expence of keeping a Court of Oyer and Terminer and some other Expences of Government was read a Second time and Ordered to be refered to a Committee of the Whole House—

RESOLV'D That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the said Bill

Report of Commttee thereon

Then Mr Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to Consider of the said Bill And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair—And Mr Ottolenghe reported from the Committee that they had directed him to acquaint the House that they had made some Progress therein—

Desire leave to sit again.

Mr Ottolenghe also acquainted the House he was directed to move that they have Leave to sit again—

Resolv'd that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to Consider of the said Bill in the Afternoon.

And then the House Adjourned till four OClock in the Afternoon—

The House met According to Adjournment

2d Report of Committee on ye Tax Bill yt. yy. had gone thro' ye same

Mr Ottolenghe reported from the Committee to whom the Bill intitled an Act for raiseing and granting to His Majesty a Sum of Money to defray the Expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, and some other Expences of Government was committed that they had gone through the Bill and made some Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House, which were read and agreed to by the House

Bill Ordd to be ingross'd

Ordered that the said Bill with the Amendments be ingross'd.

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday July 19th 1757

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding day were read

Tax Bill read the 3d time & passed.

The Bill for raising and granting to His Majesty a Sum of Money, That is to say the Sum of Six Hundred and forty five Pounds to defray the Expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Expences of Government was read the Third time—

RESOLV'D the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED that Mr Jones and Mr Barnard be a Committee to carry up the said Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence thereto, being returned reported the Delivery thereof—

A Message from the Governor Vizt

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly

A Message from ye Govr.

In Consequence of a Representation I lately made to the Commanding Officer of the Kings Forces in South Carolina, setting forth the Defenceless and Dangerous situation of this Province—And demanding a small Body of Troops for its immediate protection—I have received for Answer that if this Government will under take to supply them with the Weekly Allowance, given by the Government of Carolina Vizt

7lb of Bread (or in lieu thereof)	7lb of Flower
7lb of Beef or	4lb of Pork
3 Pints of Pease 1lb of Cheese or	6os of Butter
1lb of Flower or	½lb Rice

and be at the expence of Transporting them hither He will immediately send an Hundred Men — I Therefore recommend this matter to your Consideration, and hope you will do every thing therein, consistent with your Circumstances and the the (sic) present Conjuncture—

Sign'd HENRY ELLIS

A Motion was made that an Address be presented to His Honor the Governor to thank his Honor for his kind Representation of the Defenceless and Dangerous situation of this Province to the commanding Officer of the Kings Forces in South Carolina and to acquaint His Honor that this House will chearfully provide such a Sum as His Honor shall think proper for Transporting Troops hither — And the Question being put—

RESOLV'D that an Address be immediately drawn up and presented to His Honor for the above Purpose, which Address was drawn up and is as follows—

To His Honor Henry Ellis Esqr Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majestys Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same

May it please your Honor,

Addrs. to His Honor in Ansr. to his Message

The Commons House of Assembly have taken into Consideration Your Honors Message delivered them this Day relative to your kind Representation of the Defenceless and Dangerous situation of this Province to the Commanding Officer of the Kings Forces in South Carolina, And beg leave to return Your Honor their Humble Thanks for the same — We have deliberat'ly weighed and considered our present Circumstances and are of Opinion that at this Time, we cannot provide for any thing more then the Expence of transporting such Troops as shall be sent hither, for which service we will Chear-

fully agree to make provision for such a Sum as your Honor shall think necessary for that Purpose—

ORDERED that the said Address be ingrossed—

The said Address being ingrossed

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do sign the same, who signed the same Accordingly

RESOLV'D the said Address be presented by the Whole House.

ORDERED that Mr Buttler and Mr Yonge be a Committee to wait on His Honor and acquaint him that the House haveing an Address to present, Desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended therewith who returning reported His Honor was pleased to say immediately—

Mr. Speaker wt ye House Attend the Govr. wt. ye Address

Mr Speaker with the House went to His Honor and presented the Address, And being returned Mr Speaker reported they had attended his Honor, and presented their Address, and that he was pleased to Answer that he would take such Measures as were necessary for transporting Troops hither

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as follows Vizt

Upper House of Assembly 19th July 1757

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

A Message from the Upper House

Upon a Report of the Committee of Conference respecting the Amendments to the ingrossd Bill for preventing the Enemy from being supplid over Land with Provisions from this Province This House doth agree with their Committee in the Alterations made to the said Amendments

Motion was made and the Question put that the Clerk of this House do make Copies of such Acts pass'd this Session of Assembly as may be thought Necessary— It was carried in the Affirmative—

RESOLV'D that the Clerk of this House do make out Copy's of such Acts pass'd this Session of Assembly as may be thought Necessary—

Copy's of several Acts Ordered.

ORDERED that Copies of the following Acts be made out Viz

A Copy of the Act for the Better settling the Province of Georgia — Six Copys of the Act, for the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia. Ten Copys of the Act for Establishing and regulating Patrols — One Copy of the Act for Establishing a Watch in Savannah— Six Copy's of the Act to Oblige White Male Persons to carry Fire Arms to all Places of Publick Worship—

Eight Copys of the Act for regulating Taverns and Punch Houses—

Two Copys of the Act, for stamping and issuing in Paper Bills of Credit the Sum of Six Hundred and Thirty Eight pounds Seven Shillings One penny farthing to be applied in Discharge of the Publick Debt, and for Appropriating three fourths of the Interest on the Sum of Two Thousand seven hundred and Eighty five Pounds already issued and let to Interest to the sinking the said Sum And also for stamping and issueing the further Sum of Two Hundred Pounds to be applied in Exchangeing defaced and Obliterated Bills.

Ten Copys of the Act for raising and granting to His Majesty the Sum of Six Hundred and forty five Pounds to defray the Expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Expences of Government

ORDERED that the said Copies be send by the Clerk to the Representatives of the several Districts.

The Speaker with ye House Attend ye Govr in ye Council Chamber

A Message from the Governor that this House attend his Honor immediately in the Council Chamber, Accordingly Mr Speaker with the House attended His Honor in the Council Chamber where His Honor was pleas'd to assent to the following Bills,

Acts Passd.

Act for Security of ye Province

A Bill intitled an Act for the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia by erecting Forts in the Several Parts thereof, and for appoints Commissioners to carry the same into Execution

Act for better settling the Provce.

A Bill intitled an Act for the better settling the Province of Georgia.

Act for preventg the Enemy being suppd wt. Provisins.

A Bill intitled an Act for preventing the Enemy from being Supplyed with Cattle or other Provisions from this Province

Watch Act

A Bill intitled an Act for Establishing a Watch in the Town of Savannah.

And then The House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday 20th July 1757

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the preceeding day were read

A Message from the Governor by Mr Edward Barnard as follows Vizt

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly

A Message from His Honor

It being of the last Consequence to our safety in this perilous conjuncture, to have the Indians firmly attached to us—And as no Measure can more Effectually contribute to so Necessary, and desirable an End, Than a judicious management, and distribution of those presents which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to furnish this Colony for such usefull purposes, I judge it absolutely requisite to send forthwith a proper Agent to the Creek Countrys, to invite the Chiefs of these People to a Congress, and previously to prepare their Minds to receive and relish those impressions and sentiments that it is incumbent on us streniously to inculcate upon this Occasion—But Not haveing a sufficient Sum in my hands to defray the Expence of this Measure, I trust Gentlemen that you will allow me such additional aid as the importance of the Service requires, and the very indigent Circumstances of this Province can Afford

Sign'd HENRY ELLIS

Savannah
20th July 1757—

Motion was made that an Address be presented to His Honor to acquaint him that this House agrees with his Honor in the Expediency of sending an Agent to the Creeks.

RESOLV'D that An Address be immediat'ly drawn up and presented for the above purpose, which address being drawn up was read, agreed to and is as follows—Viz^t

To His Honor Henry Ellis Esq[r] Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majestys Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same—

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly of the said Province.

May it please your Honor

Adds. to His Honor thereon in Answer, there —

The Commons House of Assembly have taken into Consideration Your Honors Message delivered them this Day by a Member of their House wherein your Honor has been pleased to recomend to them, the necessity in this perilous Time of sending forthwith an Agent into the Creek Nations, of Indians to invite the Chiefs of these People to a Congress — We intirely agree with your Honor in the expediencey of such an Embasy, and that Our safety and the Prosperity of this Province greatly depends, on the Judicious management, and distribution of the Indian Presents, Which His Majesty from his Paternal regard hath been graciously pleas'd to furnish this Colony Tho' we have not the least Doubt ariseing in us of your Honors prudent Conduct in such distribution—And to inable your Honor to carry a Point so necessary to our preservation into Execution, and to give every Assistance to this Salutary purpose in Our power—This House desire to Acquaint your Honor that they have Voted, Twenty Pounds to be paid out of the Surplus Money that may arise from a former Sum voated by us of One Hundred Pounds for defraying the Expences of transporting Troops into this Province.

We most sincerely wish that our Abilityes were equal to our Disposition to strengthen your Honors Hands upon every Occasion that may conduce to the Protection and felicity of this Colony, and upon every such Occasion we Beg leave to Asure you Sir we shall not be back-

ward in Granting as far as our Circumstances will Possibly admit such Aids as you may think proper to recommend to Us.

ORDERED the said Address be ingrossed

Being ingrossed Ordered that Mr Speaker do sign the same, Who Signed the same Accordingly.

ORDERED that Mr Yonge and Mr Deveaux be a Committee to carry the Address to His Honor, Who went Accordingly, And being returned reported they had waited on His Honor and presented the Address, Who was pleased to Answer, that he returned thanks to this House for their respect shewn him in the said Address

A Message from ye Counell

A Message from the Council by their Clerk, that they had agreed to the Bill intitled an Act for Stamping and issuing in Paper Bills of Credit the Sum of Six Hundred and thirty Eight Pounds Seven Shillings and one Penny and a farthing to be apply'd in Discharge of the Publick Debt, and for appropriating three fourths of the Interest on the Sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty five Pounds already issued and let to Interest to the sinking the said Sum. And also for Stamping and issuing the further Sum of Two hundred Pounds to be apply'd in exchangeing defaced and Obliterated Bills without any Amendments of their Own

A Message from the Governor by Mr Ottolenghe as follows Vizt

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly—

A Message from the Govr. wt. the Secretys of States Letter.

The Letter of which herewith I send a Copy, I have lately received from The Right Honorable William Pitts (sic) Esqr: One of His Majestys Principal Secretarys of State — As it contains Matters of high Concernment and

importance relative to the present posture of Affairs, and the safety and well being of this Province and the rest of His Majestys American Dominions I think it my Duty to lay the whole I am possess'd of upon this Subject before you, in order that you may be fully qualified to judge and to Act in the manner that shall best Answer the Kings Intentions and Expectations—

HENRY ELLIS

Savannah
20th July 1757

White Hall 4th Febuary (sic) 1757

Sir

Copy of the Letter

The King haveing nothing more at Heart than the preservation of his good Subjects and Colonies of North America, has come to a Resolution of acting with the greatest Vigour in those Parts, the ensueing Campaign and all necessary preparations are makeing for sending a considerable Reinforcement of Troops together with a Strong Squadron of Ships for that Purpose, and in order to act offensively against the French in Canada—

It is His Majesty's pleasure that you should forthwith call together Your Council and Assembly, and press them in the strongest manner to raise with the utmost Expedition as large a Number of Provincial Troops as may be for the Service of the ensueing Campaign, over and above what they shall judge necessary for the immediate Defence of their own Province and that the Troops so raised do act in such parts, as the Earl of Lowdon (sic) or the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's forces for the time being shall judge most conducive to the Service in General — And the King doubts not but that the Several Provinces, truly sensible of his paternal care, in sending so large a Force for their Se-

curity will exert their utmost endeavours to second and strengthen such offencive Opperations against the French, as the Earl of Loudon or the Commander in Chief for the time being shall judge expedient, And will not Clogg the Enlistments of the Men, or the raiseing of the Money for their Pay &c—with such Limitations as have been hitherto found to render their Service difficult an (sic) ineffectual.

And as a further Encouragement I am to Acquaint you, that the raising of the Men, their Pay, Arms, and Cloathing will be all that will be required for this Campaign on the part of the several Provinces—Measures having been already taken for laying up Magazines of Stores, and Provisions of all kinds at the expence of the Crown

I cannot too strongly recommend it to you, to use all your Influence with your Council, and Assembly for the Punctual and immediate execution of these His Majesty's commands — I am likewise to acquaint you that the Earl of Loudon is directed to send forthwith to Virginia a Battalion of regular Forces, to be employ'd as the exigency shall require, for the succour and Defence of the said Province of Virginia South Carolina or any other of the Southern Colonies.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

Hum^le^ Ser^t^

(Sign'd) W. Pitt

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as followeth Viz^t^

Upper House of Assembly 20th July 1757

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

Message from ye Upper House

His Honor the Governor haveing sent a Message to this House with a Copy of a Letter from the Right Honle William Pitt Esqr one of His Majestys Principal Secretarys of State, dated White Hall the 4d of Feby last containing matters of great importance relative to the present posture of Affairs And this House haveing come to a resolution to Address his Honor the Governor thereon. Do desire your House will appoint a Committee to Confer with a Committee of this House in drawing up a joint Address of boath Houses to His Honor accordingly—

The Committee of this House are

The Honle { James Habersham, Francis Harris, William Clifton, James Edward Powel, Jonathan Bryan } Esqrs

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Yonge Mr Deveaux Mr Jones and Mr Ewin be a Committee to confer with the Council upon drawing (sic) the said Address—

ORDERED the same Gentlemen be a Committee to inspect and examine the ingrossed Bills, and the Journals of this House—

ORDERED that Mr Deveaux and Mr Yonge do wait on the Governor, and desire this House may be Adjourned. They went accordingly and being returned, reported that the Governor had delivered them the following Adjournment

GEORGIA

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

A Message from ye Govr. Addjourning the House

I do hereby Adjourn the Commons House of Assembly of this Province till Thursday the Twenty eight Instant—

Given under my Hand att Savannah This twentieth Day of July 1757—

HENRY ELLIS

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday 28th July 1757

The House met According to Adjournment

Mr Ottolenghe reported from the Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council upon the subject Matter of The Honle Mr Pitts Letter, that the Committee had drawn up the said Address, and Directed him to report it when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED the said Report be now received

Then Mr Ottolenghe read the Report in his place and afterward delivered it in at the Clerks Table where the same was read and is as followeth Vizt

To His Honor Henry Ellis Esqr Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majestys Province of Georgia

The Humble Address of the Upper House and of the Commons House of Assembly

May it please your Honor—

We His Majestys most dutiful and loyal Subjects the

Address to his Honor ye Govr upon his Message to ye House with Mr Pitts Letter

Members of His Majestys Council and Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia in General Assembly met have seriously and attentively considered your Honor's Message, with a Copy of a Letter from the Right Honorable William Pitt Esq[r] one of His Majestys principal Secretarys of State

The very seasonable and rigorous measures His Majesty has been graciously pleased to take for the preservation and Defence of his American Dominions at this Criticall conjuncture have a just title to our most dutifull and gratefull Acknowledgements—

Tis with the utmost concern we reflect upon the extreme Poverty of the Inhabitance [(sic)] of this Province, as we are thereby deprived of an Opportunity of manifesting our inclination of contributeing effectualy to the Common Cause, and of demonstrating with what Chearfullness we should imbrace every Occasion of testifying Our Loyalty and Zeal for the best of Kings But When Your Honor considers the great efforts we have made this Session by doubling our Taxes, and appropriating so great a share of Our time, and labour for erecting Places of Publick Defence in the Different districts of this Province, You will be convinced Sir that we are unable to do more, and that nothing has been wanting on our Parts but Ability to vie with the most Zealous and opulent of His Majestys Subjects—

It would be presumption in Us Sir to suppose your Honor—a Stranger to the Malancholy State of this Colony, a bare recollection of which awakens in us every apprehension that can result from a Knowledge of the most imminent, and complicated danger—To find ourselves in a Country surrounded with most cruel and insolent Savages absolutely destitute of every Means of Defending ourselves from their Barbaritys in Case of a

Rupture (without any Forts that are not utterly in ruins, Or Artillery but what are in a manner unfit for for Service. Without Magazines or Funds to erect them, without any Troops Stationed here save Twenty odd Rangers (raised in the hurry of an Alarm) Yet unestablished, Unpaid, and Undisciplined, without any Vessel of War for the protection of our Coast; With but few Inhabitants, And those poor and widely dispersed over the Province; Open on the one side to every Incursion of Indians And on the other exposed to every Possible insult, from the most inconsiderable of the Enemys Vessels— In such a Situation our all is precarious—

When we reflect on His Majestys Unabating goodness to the lowest and most distant of his Subjects, and advert to the recent instances we have experienced of his Paternal regard to this Colony. When we consider Sir the importance of this Province to the Mother Country, and its being a Barrier to the other Provinces in this Continent against such formidable Neighbours as the French Spaniards and some of the most powerfull and numerous of the Indian Nations, and when at the same time we observe the manner in which His Majestys Principal Secretary of state has wrot to your Honor) so unsutable to our present Circumstances we must conclude that His Majestys (sic) and his Ministers, have not been so frequently and so fully informed of the real State and Condition of this important frontier as our necessities and the Critical situation of things on this Continent required

The uncommon Zeal your Honors (sic) has displayed for the Welfare of this Province since your arrival here, justly demands our hearty thanks, and merits our utmost confidence

It is therefore Sir upon you we must depend for a faithfull Transmission of these Facts to His Majesty

in the most clear and precise manner, not doubting but they will have all the Weight, and produce all the Effects that we can reasonably desire.

28 July 1757.

The said report being read was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED that Mr Barnard do acquaint the Upper House therewith.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as followeth Vizt

Upper House of Assembly 28th July 1757

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

A Message from the Council.

The Committee of this House appointed to join a Committee of your House to draw up an Address of boath Houses to be presented to His Honor the Governor in Answer to his Message to this House of the Twentieth Instant with a Copy of a Letter to His Honor from the Right Honle Williams Pitt Esqr One of His Majestys princip (sic) Secretarys of State— Having accordingly drawn up an Address and reported it— The same has been received read and agreed to by the House

A Message from the Council that they desire this House will appoint a Member of this House, to go with a Member of the Upper House to desire to know when His Honor the Governor will please to be presented with the Address of both Houses

ORDERED that Mr Jones do join a Member of the Upper House to wait on his Honor, and desire to know when His Honor will please to be presented with the said Address.

And then the House Adjourned till four O Clock in the Afternoon

The House met According to Adjournment

ORDERED that Mr Deveaux and Mr Yonge be a Committee to examine the Minutes of this House

The House attend his honor in ye Council Chamber

A Message from the Governor, that this House do attend him in the Council Chamber immediately.

The following Bills assented to

Accordingly the House attended His Honor in the Council Chamber, where his Honor assented to the following Bills. Viz^t

Patrol Bill

A Bill intitled an Act for Establishing and regulating Patrols.

Tavern Bill

A Bill intitled an Act for regulating Taverns and Punch Houses, and retailers of Spiritious Liquors.

Bill Obliging Persons to carry Fire Arms—

A Bill intitled an Act to Oblige White Male Persons in the Province of Georgia to carry Fire Arms to all Places of Publick Worship

Bill to discharge Publick Debts

A Bill intitled an Act for Stamping and issuing in Paper Bills of Credit the Sum of Six Hundred and thirty eight Pounds Seven Shillings One Penny farthing, to be applied in discharge of the Publick Debt, and for appropriating three fourths of the Interest on the Sum of Two thousand Seven hundred and Eighty five pounds, already issued and let to Interest to the sinking the said Sum— And also for Stamping and issuing the further Sum of Two Hundred Pounds to be apply'd in exchanging defaced and Obliterated Bills.

Tax Bill

A Bill intitled an Act for raising and granting to His Majesty the Sum of Six hundred and forty five Pounds to defray the Expences of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Expences of Goverment.

Then His Honor was pleased to make the following speech—

Gentlemen of the Council and Commons House of Assembly

The Govrs. Speech on Prorogug the Assembly

It is with singular Pleasure I observe that the Temper and Moderation which I recommend[d] as (sic) the Opening of this Session have been so well preserved thro' the general Course of your proceedings, and that from the best Motives, You have avoided all unnecessary Occasions of Heats and Animosites, and made the true Interest of this Colony the principal Object of your Care and Consideration.

It would be an unpardonable Neglect in me not to Acknowledge the uncommon Unanimity and attention you have shewn to every thing that appeared worthy your Regard at this Juncture, and give me Leave to indulge myself in the Belief that this Spirit which has already produced such Salutary Effects, and affords so pleasing a Prospect in future, is not the Fruit of a temporary Warmth, or personal Attachment but the result of a settled Resolution of Acting constantly and uniformly, upon disinterested and patriotick Principles.

Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly

The Supplies you have with so much Chearfulness and Dispatch granted for the Service of the Current Year, and the extraordinary Confidence you repose in me, have a just Title to my very Sincere thanks could any thing increase my Zeal for your particular Happiness and the Publick Welfare— it would be this generous Conduct— Nor can there be stronger Instances of your good will, and of your Judgment, than What you have shewn in the Measures you have taken for discharging the heavy Debt this Province was burthened with, re-

storing its lost Credit, and putting it in a better State of Defence

Gentlemen of the Council and Commons Hous (sic) of Assembly

The Season of the Year, and your private Affairs must needs make a recess agreeable to you— Tis a real Satisfaction to me that the Publick concerns will now admit of it— I hope it is Unnecessary for me to recommend in a perticular Manner to your Care the preservation of our present happy Union and Harmony— Your own Inclinations and the Pleasure that every worthy Mind must feel in being Instrumental to so great a Good, will naturally lead you heartily to Endeavour at (sic)

A Message from the Governor as followeth Viz^t

Gentlemen of the general Assembly

Assembly Prorogued to ye 12- of Octr next

It is my Pleasure that this Assembly be prorogued to Wednesday the Twelfth Day of Octr next to be then Here held, and this Assembly is accordingly Prorogued to Wednesday the Twelfth Day of October next. But should Business occur requiring your Attendance sooner. I shall call you together by Proclamation

HENRY ELLIS

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

A true Copy of the Journal of the Proceedings of the commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia in the third & fourth Sessions of the second General Assembly of the said Province first Met on Monday the first day of November One thousand seven hundred &

fifty six, and continued by divers prorogations & Adjournments until Monday the thirteenth Day of November 1758 examined and compared by

THO^s BURRINGTON
Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly.

GEORGIA

A true Copy taken from the Original
Exam^d ꝑ
JAMES WHITEFIELD D. Sec^y

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia in the third Session of the second General Assembly of the said Province first met on Monday the first day of November One thousand seven hundred & ffifty six, and continued by Prorogation to Wednesday the Eleventh Day of January One Thousand seven hundred and ffifty eight.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday the 11th January 1758

The Assembly meet—

The Members of the Assembly being Met according to the last prorogation His Honour the Governor sent the following Message by the Clerk of the Council—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

Message from the Governor—

His Honour the Governor desires your attendance in the Council Chamber immediately.

The House attends His Honour in the Council Chamber

Whereupon Mr Speaker with the House attended His Honour in the Council Chamber, and being return'd Mr Speaker Reported that His Honour had been pleased to make an Affectionate Speech to His Majesty's Council

and this House of which to prevent Mistakes he had Obtained a Copy.

Then His Honours Speech was read in the following Words Viz[t]

Gentlemen of the Council and of the Commons House of Assembly—

Governors Speech.

Your last meeting, though somewhat unseasonable was highly Necessary from the Importance of the Affairs that then demanded your immediate attention— The Ends proposed by that meeting were effectually answered by your measures and the chearfulness & unanimity with which they were Conducted.

I now call you together, less from any particular consideration, than to Afford you an Opportunity of exercising the Powers Vested in you by the Constitution for the Benefit of His Majesty's good Subjects of this Province.

It is with uncommon satisfaction I can Inform you that I have renewed our Friendship and Alliance with the Creek Indians by a formal Treaty, and settled some other Material points with them which might otherwise have proved a fertile Source of Discord between us— As your safety & Prosperity greatly depend upon maintaining a good Correspondence with these people, the rendering more effectual the Law respecting our Trade & intercourse with them will be extreamely proper at this Juncture—

The experience I have already had of your Zeal and regard for the security and Welfare of this Colony leaves me no room to Question that whatever depends upon your Will and Abilities may confidently be expected—

I have therefore only to recommend to you the forming such Laws as will be most conducive to your private happyness and the Publick Quiet, by preventing violence injustice and Licentiousness, and diffuseing a knowledge of the Duty of every individual, in doeing which the Institutes & practice of your Mother Country will be the best geneneral (sic) Guide:— In those Concern's that are Local & more peculiar to your Circumstances & Situation, the experience and example of the Neighbouring Provinces may be usefull.

I cannot Conclude Gentlemen without earnestly exhorting you to persevere in that Temper & Moderation that Distinguish'd your last Session, and had so happy an Influence in the course of Your Proceedings.

HENRY ELLIS

Motion being made that this House resolve themselves into a Committe of the whole House to take his Honour's Speech into Consideration.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to take His Honours Speech into consideration, to morrow morning.

Then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow Morning Nine °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday January 12th 1758.

The House met According to Adjournment

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read.

The House resolved themselves into a Committee of

The House resolve into a Committee to consider His Honours Speech

the whole House and took His Honours Speech into consideration & Mr Ottolenghe Reported from the said Committee that they had taken His Honours Speech into consideration and moved that an Humble Address of thanks might be presented to His Honour for his Speech.

An Address to His Honour resolved Upon—

RESOLVED That an humble Address of Thanks be presented to His Honour for his Speech—

Committee appointed to prepare same.

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe Mr Yonge & Mr DeVeaux be a Committee to prepare the same—

ORDERED That His Honours Speech be referred to the said Committee.

Motion— Being made that a Committee be appointed to enquire what Acts of General Assembly of this Province are expired.

RESOLVED That a Committee be appointed to make such enquiry

Committee to enquire what Acts of Assembly are expired

ORDERED That Mr Francis & Mr Ewen be that Committee

And then the House Adjourn'd 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday January 13th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

Mr Ottolenghe Reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address of thanks to His Honour that they had prepared one & desired to know when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Address be now received.

Then Mr Ottolenghe in his place read the same, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where it was read again by the Clerk in the words following vizt

To His Honour Henry Ellis Esquire Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Georgia & Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly.

May it Please your Honour—

Address to His Honour.

We His Majesty's most dutifull and Loyal Subjects the Commons House of Assembly of Georgia beg Leave to present to Your Honour our hearty thanks for your very Affectionate Speech delivered to both Houses at the Commencement of this Session—

The Extraordinary Zeal and activity which your Honour has shewn in carrying into execution the measures that were concerted for our Protection and Prosperity during our last Session; the unwearied Application & uncommon Address with which you have so successfully exerted yourself to aVert the danger that threatned us from the discontents of the Creek Indians by renewing and Establishing a good Correspondence with them upon an equitable and solid foundation, have a just Claim to our sincere and most gratefull Acknowledgements and we are fully perswaded must be attended with the best consequences at this Critical Season, As it is our Interest & our Duty so it shall be our constant endeavour to second your Honour in whatever may be conducive to the preservation of that Alliance & friendship which your Honour has Concluded with them.

That our past Conduct has Met with your Honours Approbation gives us the highest pleasure, & is a strong Motive for our exerting ourselves in such a manner that our future proceedings may be entitled to the same.

The occasion your Honour now Affords us to exercise the Power Vested in us by our Excellent Constitution, shall to the best of our Abilities be employed in Promoting the true Interest of our fellow Subjects & our Country by showing a proper attention to their security and Defence, and by frameing such Laws as may most Effectually suppress & prevent every kind of Licentiousness and Injustice, in doing which we shall imitate the Practice of our Mother Country As strictly as our Circumstances and situation will allow and you may depend Sir that we will carefully avoid every altercation and dispute that may indanger our present Happiness, Union, & Tranquility.

Thoroughly sensible of the uncommon advantages we enjoy from your Honours Mild, Active, & Judicious Administration, We beseech the Almighty that your Continuance may be Long amongst us, for the sake of our selves, our Posterity, & our Country.

Motion being made that the said Address be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Address.

Then Mr Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House and took the said Address into their consideration and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr Ottolenghe Reported from the Committee

that they had gone thro' the said Address and made some amendments thereto which they had directed him to Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Report be now made.

Then Mr Ottolenghe in his place read the same & afterwards delivered the Address with the amendments in at the Table where the same being again read by the Clerk were agreed To by the House.

ORDERED That the said Address with the amendments be ingrossed.

ORDERED That Mr Yonge and Mr Delagale waite on His Honour, and acquaint him that the House having an Address to present desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended therewith—

Mr Francis Reported from the Committee appointed to Examine what Acts of General Assembly of this Province are expired, That no Acts are yet expired, but that the Act to prevent the Enemy from being Supplied with Provisions will expire the Nineteenth Day, & the Militia Act the Twenty fourth day of this present Month.

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in a Bill for regulating a Market in the Town of Savannah & repealing a former Act.

a Committee appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill for regulating the Markett.

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe & Mr Yonge do prepare & bring in the same.

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in a Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread.

Committee appointed pare & bring in a Bill for regulating the Assize of bread.

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe & Mr Yonge do prepare & bring in the same.

Motion, being made for leave to bring in a Bill to amend & continue the Militia Act of this Province.

ORDERED, that leave be Given to bring in a Bill to amend & Continue the said Act.

Committee appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill to amend & Continue the Militia Act

ORDERED That Mr Delagale Mr Jones, Mr Francis & Mr Elliott be a Committee to prepare & bring in the same

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday January 14th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

Mr Yonge Reported that himself and Mr Delagale had waited on his Honour (according to Order) and acquainted him that this House having an Address to Present desired to know when His Honour would be pleased to be attended therewith, & that His Honour was pleased to say, he would be ready in half an Hour.

The Address to His Honour being ingrossed according to Order, it was Order'd to be read to the House & was read accordingly.

ORDERED That Mr Speaker sign the same—

RESOLVED That the said Address be presented to His Honour by the whole House.

The House waite on His Honour & present their Address

Then Mr Speaker with the House waited on His Honour, and Presented the Address.

And being return'd Mr Speaker Reported they had attended His Honour & Presented their Address, To which he was pleased to return the following Answer Vizt—

Gentlemen

His Honours Answer

I thank you for this very Affectionate & respectful Address— so Authentick a Testimony of your Approbation of my endeavours to Discharge my Duty, Affords me the highest pleasure and strengthens my resolutions of persisting in a Conduct that seems so satisfactory to You

The Assurances you give me of employing your best abilities to Promote the happyness & security of this Colony are very proper & acceptable, & I am perswaded will be verified by your measures.

HENRY ELLIS

Motion being made that an Address be presented to His Honour to issue Writs to the Provost Marshall for the Election of two Members to serve in this Assembly, One for the Town & District of Savannah in the room of Samuel Mercer Esqr deceased, & another for the Islands of Skidaway, Wilmington & Green Island in the room of John Barnard Esqr deceased

RESOLVED That an Address be presented to His Honour to desire he will be pleased to Issue Writs for such Election—

ORDERED The said Address be immediately drawn up—

The said Address being drawn up accordingly was read to the House in the words following—

Commons House of Assembly

January 14th 1758.

May it Please Your Honour.

Address to His Honour for Writs of Election

The Commons House of Assembly desire your Honour will please to issue Writs to the Provost Marshall for the Election of two Members to serve in this present General Assembly one for the Town & District of Savannah in the room of Samuel Mercer Esqr deceased & another for the Islands of Skidaway, Wilmington, and Green Island in the room of John Barnard Esquire Deceased.

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do sign the same.

ORDERED That Mr Butler & Mr Milledge do present the same,

They withdrew and waited on His Honour with the said Address, & being return'd Reported that they had presented the Address according to Order, & that His Honour was pleased to say he would give Orders for the Issuing Writs accordingly.

And then the House Adjourned 'till Monday Morning Ten, °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday January 16th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for the Establishment of Religious Worship in the Province of Georgia, & for dividing the said Province into Parishes.

Committee appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill for Establishing religious Worship &c.

ORDERED That Mr DeVeaux, Mr Ottolenghe, Mr Yonge, Mr Barnard Mr Ewen & Mr Elliott, be a Committee to prepare & bring in the same—

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for Laying a Duty upon all Rum imported into this Province and also for Laying a Duty upon all Deer Skins & ffurs exported from this Province, except such Deer Skins & Furrs as are sent immediately from this Province to South Carolina, & do there pay duty for the same—

Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for laying a Duty on Rum &c.

ORDERED That Mr DeVeaux, Mr Ottolenghe, Mr Yonge & Mr Milledge do prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday January 17th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmnt

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for the amendment of an Act Intitled an

Act for raising a Publick Store of Gun Powder for the Defence of this Province—

Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for amending the Powder Act

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Morell do prepare & bring in the same.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for the speedy recovery of Strayed Horses & to prevent Stealing Horses & neat Cattle—

Committee appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill to prevent the Stealing of Horses & Cattle

ORDERED That Mr Elliott & Mr Barnard do prepare and bring in the same.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for the amendment of an Act Intitled an Act to regulate Fences in the Province of Georgia.

Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate ffences

ORDERED, That Mr Delagale, Mr Butler, & Mr Yonge do prepare & bring in the same.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday January 18th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmnt

Powder Act read the first time

Mr Ewen & Mr Morell presented to the House according to Order a Bill for the amendment of an Act Intitled an Act for raising a Public Store of Gun Powder for the Defence of this Province, & the same was received and read the first time—

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to morrow morning—

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to make some Alterations in the Rules of this House.

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe, Mr Yonge, & Mr Butler be that Committee.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday January 19th 1758

The House Met according to Adjournmnt

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to make some Alterations in the Rules of this House Reported that they had made some Alterations therein which they directed him to Report to the House when the House would be pleased to receive the same—

ORDERED That the said report be now received, then Mr Ottolenghe read the Report in his place, & afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same being read again by the Clerk.

ORDERED That the said Rules with the Alterations do lie upon the Table,

Powder Act read the second time

The Bill for the amendment of an Act Intitled an Act for raising a Publick Store of Gun Powder for the Defence of this Province was read the second time according to Order, and

ORDERED, to Lie upon the Table,

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for Erecting a Publick Magazine in the

Town of Savannah for Gun Powder & for appointing a proper Person to receive the Powder Duty upon all Ships and other Vessels comeing into any Harbour, Port or Place in this Province

Committee appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill for Erecting a Publick Magazine for Gun Powder

ORDERED, That Mr Barnard & Mr Milledge be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday January 20th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

The Rules were read, & Order'd to be the standing Rules of the House—

Bill to prevent the Stealing Horses & Cattle read the first time—

Mr Elliott & Mr Barnard presented to the House according to Order a Bill for the speedy recovery of Strayed Horses & to prevent the Stealing Horses and Neat Cattle, & the same was received and read the first time—

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to morrow Morning

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday January 21st 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

The Bill to prevent the Stealing Horses & Cattle read the second time—

The Order of the Day being read, the Bill for the speedy recovery of Strayed Horses & to prevent the stealing Horses and neat Cattle was read the second time—

Motion being made that the House wou'd Immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Bill—

and Committed

RESOLVED accordingly—

Then the House resolved themselves into such Committee and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr Barnard from the said Committee Reported that they had made several amendments to the said Bill which they had directed him to Report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be now made.

Then Mr Barnard in his place read the same and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was read again by the Clerk.

Motion being made that the said Bill be recommitted to the further consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Bill on Tuesday morning next—

The Bill for regulating ffences & repealing a former Act read the first time

Mr Delagale, Mr Butler, & Mr Yonge presented to the House according to Order, a Bill Intitled an Act to regulate ffences in the Province of Georgia, & to repeal an Act to regulate ffences in the Province of Georgia passed the seventh Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and ffifty five—

And the same was received and read the first time.

And then the House Adjourned 'till Monday Morning Ten °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday January 23d 1758.

The House met According to Adjournment

The House Met and Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday January 24th 1758.

The House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House, & took the Bill for the speedy recovery of Strayed Horses & to prevent the Stealing Horses and neat Cattle into their further consideration, & after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Barnard Reported from the said Committee that they had taken the said Bill into further consideration & made several amendments thereto which they had directed him to Report when the House wou'd be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be now made.

Then Mr Barnard in his place read the same and afterwards delivered in the same at the Table, where the same was read & agreed To by the House.

The Bill to prevent the Stealing Horses & Cattle Ordered to be Ingrossed

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the amendment be ingrossed.

Thos. Rasberry Require return'd Member for the Town of Savannah.

The Writ of Election for choosing a Representative for the Town & District of Savannah in the room of Samuel Mercer Esqr Deceased with the return being sent to the House, it appeared that Thomas Rasberry Esqr was return'd to serve in this Assembly.

Mr. Rasberry takes the Oaths—

ORDERED That Mr Milledge and Mr Barnard attend His Honour with Thomas Rasberry Esqr return'd Representative for the Town & District of Savannah in order to his taking the Oaths.

They withdrew accordingly and being return'd Reported that Mr Rasberry had taken & Subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy, and the Oath of Abjuration & made & Subscribed the Declaration.

Mr. Rasberry Added to the Committee to regulate the Markett & Assize of Bread—

ORDERED, That Mr Rasberry be Added to the Committee to prepare & bring in the Bill for regulating the Market and Assize of Bread,

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday January 25th 1758.

The House met According to Adjournmt

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to

bring in a Bill to reduce the Interest of money in this Province.

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to reduce the Interest of Money—

ORDERED, That Mr Ottolenghé, & Mr Jones be a Committe to prepare & bring in the same—

The Bill to amend and Continue the Militia Act, read the first time

Mr Delagale presented to the House according to Order a Bill to amend & continue the Militia Act of this Province and the same was received & read the first time

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to morrow morning.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday January 26th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournment

The Bill to amend & continue the Militia Act read the second time.

The Bill for amending and continuing the Militia Act of this Province was read the second time according to Order—

And Committed—

Motion being made that the House wou'd immediately resolve themselves into a Committe of the whole House to take the said Bill into consideration—

The House accordingly resolved themselves into such Committee and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr Delagale Reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill, & made some amendmts thereto which they had directed him to Report when the House wou'd be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be now made—

Then Mr Delagale in his place read the same and afterwards delivered it in at the table, where the same was again read by the Clerk, & agreed to by the House—

Ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed.

Motion being made that no New Bill be moved to be brought in after Saturday next

RESOLVED That no New Bill be moved for in this House after Saturday next.

Fence Bill read a second time

The Bill Intitled an Act to regulate ffences in the Province of Georgia was read a second time according to order

Motion being made that the House wou'd immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House, to take the said Bill into consideration

and Committed

The House accordingly Resolved themselves into such Committee, & after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr Delagale from the Committee Reported that they had gone through the said Bill & made several amendments thereto which they had directed him to Report when the House wou'd be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be now made—

Then Mr Delagale read the same and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was read again by the Clerk.

Motion being made that the said Bill be recommitted to the further consideration of a Committee of the whole House—

RESOLVED, that this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Bill, to morrow morning.

Letter from the Revd Mr. Bolzius.

A Letter from the Rev[d] M[r] Bolzius Directed to David Montaigut Esq[r] Speaker, and to the Members of the Commons House of Assembly at Savannah was read in the following words Viz[t]

Sir

I am extreamly sorry that I am under Necessity to give you and other Gentlemen of the General Assembly the trouble by acquainting you and them with such an Affair which gives me and the People under my charge, and will give to our friends in Europe as true well wishers of our settlement and Province the greatest uneasiness in the World to an ill Consequence for this our infant Barrier Colony, if not should be wisely and kindly prevented by the Gentlemen of the present Assembly as I flatter myself with that Good hope, they will to (sic) a great Comfort to me in my present sickly Condition and growing age, the Affair that called me down at this unwholesome & inconvenient Season, was, the Melancholly account of some Gentlemens strong inclination to have the whole Province divided into Parishes, as it is done in all American Provinces except in Pensylvania where numbers of Protestant Germans are and will come as long as the Assembly takes care to keep their Necks free from bearing the Yoke of a New Church Government which they endeavour'd to escape with their Children & Posterity by resorting to a Land of Liberty, I beg the Gentlemen of our Assembly would please to remember, that the Province of Georgia was intended by His Majesty for an Asylum for all sorts of Protestants to enjoy full Liberty of Conscience Prefferrable to any other American Colonies in order to Invite Numbers of

Oppressed or persecuted People to Strengthen this Barrier Colony by their coming over, Agreeable to His Royal most gracious intention of settling this Colony with good honest Industrious People of any Protestant Denomination whatsoever— The late Honourable Trustees have sent twenty five years ago to the Revd Mr Urlsperger at Augspurg, one of the greatest divines in Germany a Spiritual Father and great Benefactor of the Germans in General and to our Congregation in particular a full power in Latin signed by their Secretary (sic) Mr Martyn & sealed with the Seal of the Colony of Georgia to make with the Saltzburghers (then driven out of their native Country) an agreement to their likeing to be induced thereby to be carried over by the Expences of the Trustees as well as of the Society for promoting Christian knowledge, said Mr Urlsperger made afterwards known by Public Print over all Germany, the generous & most kind promises of the late Trustees & the Society given by virtue of an agreement to all that would be freely induced thereby to go over to Georgia among which they had the promise to be settled seperately on a good spot of Land in Georgia to enjoy all the priviledges of Public Worship agreeable to the Public Confession of Augspurg not to be charged with any Taxes except 6 Florens i, e about 3^{s} Sterling for 100 Acres Quit Rent, to have Built Church, School, Ministers House & their Minister & schoolmasters maintained by Charitys, from the late Trustees & the Society for promoting Christian knowledge which kind and generous promises they have most bountifully perform'd to this present time for a most thankfull memory to late Posterity by this & other instances needless to mention here, you Sir will easily learn that there is a great difference between the People of my Congregation & between other Dissenters in our Province, and perswades me to believe the mature consideration of the Terms under which the People of my Con-

gregation are invited with their Ministers to leave our native Country and Join the settlers of Georgia will incline the hearts of the Gentlemen of the Assembly to ffree our settlement from being subject to any Parish Church Government or Parish Duties or else the Consequence would be that the minds of our People as well as our Rich and great favourers in Europe, especially in Germany wou'd be made extreamly uneasie and grieved, & all Protestant Germans intirely discouraged to Join us in time of Peace much more than by any other bad News they heard from Georgia— I beg your pardon for this long tedious trouble of my Imperfect writeing which I'll not encrease beyond my humble Prayers & most fervent Wishes that the Lord would please to bless and succeed all your Consultations to the Prosperity of our Province being with due respect Sir—

Your most Humb^le^ Servant

JOHN MARTIN BOLZIUS.

ORDERED That the said Letter do Lie upon the Table.

Call of the House Ordered

ORDERED that there be a call of the House on Saturday morning next

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday January 27th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournm^t^

Fence Bill further Considered

The House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House & took the Bill Intitled an Act, to regulate ffences in the Province of Georgia into their further consideration & after some time spent therein Mr Speaker

resumed the Chair & Mr Delagale from the said Committee Reported that they had taken the said Bill into further consideration & made some further amendments thereto which they had directed him to Report when the House wou'd be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Report be now made.

Then Mr Delagale in his place read the same and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same being again read by the Clerk was agreed to by the House—

Ordered to be Ingrossed.

ORDERED That the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for the amending & making more Effectual a former Act of Assembly for the Constructing Log Forts in the several Districts of this Province.

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for amending a formr Act for Erecting Forts &ca.

ORDERED That Mr Deauex, (sic) Mr Ottolenghé, Mr Elliott & Mr Barnard be a Committee to prepare & bring in the same—

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for the amending and making more Effectual the Act of Assembly of this Province for establishing a Watch in the Town of Savannah.

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for amending a former Act, for Establishing a Town Watch.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen, Mr Rasberry Mr Jones & Mr Morell be a Committee to prepare & bring in the same—

The Church & Parish Bill read the first time.

The Committee appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill for Constituting and Dividing the several Districts and Divisions of this Province into Parishes & for establishing Religious Worship therein according to the Rites and ceremonies of the Church of England; and also for

impowering the Church Wardens & Vestry Men of the respective Parishes to Assess rates for the Repair of Churches, the relief of the Poor, & other Parochial services; presented the same to the House which was received and read the first time.

ORDERED that the said Bill be read a second time on the first day of February next,

The Militia Act read the third time.

The ingrossed Bill Intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province, and for the security & better defence of the same was read a third time—

and Passed.

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass—

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered to be carried to the Council.

ORDERED That Mr Barnard do carry up the same to the Council & desire their concurrence thereto—

A Motion—being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for regulating the Method of Summoning & Balloting Juries & for repealing two former Acts for declareing and Establishing the Method of drawing and Summoning Jurors in the Province of Georgia.

Committee appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill for Regulating the Method of Summoning & Balloting Jurors and repealing 2 formr Acts

ORDERED That Mr Yonge, Mr Barnard & Mr DeVeaux be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

Wm. Henry Parker Esqr returned Member for the Sea Islands

The Writ of Election for choosing a Representative for the Islands of Wilmington Skidaway, and Green Island in the room of John Barnard Esqr deceased with the return being sent to the House, it appeared that Henry William Parker Esqr was returned to serve in this Assembly.

Mr. Parker takes the Oaths

ORDERED, That Mr Milledge & Mr Yonge do attend His Honor with Henry William Parker Esqr return'd

Representative for the Islands of Wilmington Skidaway and Green Island in order to his taking the Oaths.

They withdrew accordingly & being return'd Reported that Mr Parker had taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy & the Oath of Abjuration and made & Subscribed the Declaration.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday January 28. 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill to prevent Negro Slaves from working at Handicraft Trades in the several Towns within the Province

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to prevent Negroes & othr Slaves from Working at handycraft Trades

ORDERED, That Mr Ottolenghé Mr Rasberry, Mr Yonge, & Mr Francis be a Committee to prepare & bring in the same.

A Petition of John Cooper & others.

A Petition of John Cooper and John Graham in behalf of themselves and other Creditors of James Heart late of this Province was presented to the House and read thereby setting forth that the said James Heart being indebted to the Petitioners in several large Sums had withdrawn himself with all his Portable Effects from this Province with an Intention to defraud the Petitioners of their Just due That as there are three Tracts of Land belonging to the said Heart in this Province not Liable to be attached, the Petitioners beg this House will be pleased to take the Premises into consideration and

enable them to put the same up to Sale that the Produce may be distributed amongst the said Heart's creditors in Proportion to their debts And Praying Relief

ORDERED That the same be read.

RESOLVED, that a Committee be appointed to inquire into the truth of the Allegations thereof & report the facts with their Opinion therein to the House—

Committee appointed to inquire into the truth of the Allegations thereof

ORDERED That Mr DeVeaux Mr Ottolenghé, Mr Barnard, & Mr Jones be a Committee to inquire into the same—

RESOLVED, That all Petitions presented to this House shall be presented to the Clerk of this House, & that he have a fee of four Shillings for Presenting every Petition & that the Messenger of this House have a ffee of one Shilling upon every Petition—

Motion—being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill to establish a Post in this Province and between this Province & Charles Town South Carolina—

Committee appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill to Establish a Post

ORDERED That Mr Yonge, Mr Ewen & Mr Rasberry be a Committee to prepare & bring in the same —

Motion—being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill to prevent masters of Vessells from carrying away Persons out of this Province without giving proper security for their Debts contracted in this Province—

Committee appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill to prevent Masters of Vessells from carrying away Persons off this Province in Debt.

ORDERED That Mr Rasberry, Mr Parker & Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare & bring in the same—

The Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to explain

The Bill for amending the ffort Act read the first time.

& amend an Act Passed in the last session of Assembly Intitled an Act for the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia by Erecting fforts in the several parts thereof, & for appointing Commissioners to carry the same into execution, Presented the same according to Order, which was received & read the first time.

ORDERED That the said Bill be read a second time on the second day of February.

The House called over

The Order of the day being read for a Call of the House the List of the Members was called over upon which it appeared that John ffitch, John Mackintosh, & Adam Bosomworth Esquires have not attended the House during this Session.

Absent Members required to attend.

RESOLVED, That the said Members be immediately wrote to by the Clerk of this House requiring their attendance forthwith & that special Messengers be sent with such Letters at the expence of the absent Members unless they shall be able to make it appear that they could not attend this House by reason of some unavoidable accident.

ORDERED That the absent Members to (sic) pay each of them the sum of five Shillings Sterling to the Clerk for writing the said Letters.

And then the House Adjourned 'till Monday morning 10 °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday January 30th 1758

The House Met & Adjourned 'till Tuesday morning Nine °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday January 31st 1758

Mr Barnard who was Ordered to carry up to the Council the Bill Intitled an Act to amend & continue the Act for Regulating the Militia, & desire their concurrence thereto Reported the delivery thereof—

The Fence Bill read the third time—

The ingrossed Bill for regulating ffences in the Province of Georgia & to repeal a former Act for regulating ffences was read the third time.

and Passed—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

Ordered to be carried to the Council—

ORDERED, That Mr Yonge do carry up the same to the Council & desire their concurrence thereto, who returning reported the delivery thereof

ORDERED, That Mr Morell have leave of absence to go to South Carolina.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday February 1st 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

The Bill intitled an Act for constituting and Dividing the several Districts & Divisions of this Province into Parishes and for Establishing Religious Worship therein according to the Rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, & also for impowering the Church Wardens & Vestry men of the respective Parishes to Assess rates for

the repair of Churches the relief of the Poor & other Parochial Services, was read a second time.

Motion being made that the said Bill be referr'd to a Committee of the whole House—

and Committed

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Bill on Friday morning next.

The Bill for regulating Juries &c. and for repealing the formr Acts, read the first time

The Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the regulation of Juries agreeable to the British Constitution, & for repealing an Act passed in the first Session of this present Assembly Intitled an Act for declaring and Establishing the Method of drawing & Summoning Jurors in the Province of Georgia, and also an Act Passed in the same Session Intitled an Act to explain and amend an Act for declaring and Establishing the Method of drawing and Summoning Jurors, presented the same according to Order, & the same was read the first time—

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time the Twentieth of April next

A Message from the Council that they had passed an Act to prevent Persons from Purchasing Lands from the Indians or trading with them without Licence—the same read the first time

A Message from the Council by their Clerk— that they had passed an Act to prevent private Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians & for Preventing Persons trading with them without Licence to which they desire the concurrence of this House, & the same was received and read the first time.

&

Ordered to be read a second time

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to morrow morning.

Mr Yonge who was ordered to carry up the Bill for regulating ffences in the Province of Georgia to the Coun-

cil and desire their concurrence thereto, being return'd Reported the delivery thereof

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday February 2d 1758

The House Met according to Adjournmt

The Bill for amending the ffort Act read the second time—

The Bill Intitled an Act to explain & amend an Act passed in the last Session of the present General Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for the security and Defence of the Province of Georgia by Erecting fforts in the several parts thereof and for appointing Commissioners for carrying the same into execution, was read the second time.

Motion being made that the said Bill be refferred to a Committee of the whole House.

and Committed

RESOLVED, That this House will immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Bill—

The House resolved into such Committee accordingly and took the said Bill into consideration & after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the chair & Mr DeVeaux from the said Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into consideration & made some amendments thereto Mr DeVeaux also Reported that the Committee desired Leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the said Bill to morrow morning.

ORDERED, That the order of the Day be Adjourned over 'till to morrow morning.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.).

Friday February 3d 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

The House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House & took into their further consideration the Bill Intitled an Act, to Explain and amend an Act passed in the last Session of the present general Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for the Security & Defence of the Province of Georgia by Erecting fforts in the several parts thereof & for appointing Commissioners for carrying the same into Execution & after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr DeVeaux from the said Committee Reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several amendments thereunto which they had directed him to Report when the House will be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be now made—

Then Mr DeVeaux in his place read the same and afterwards deliver'd it in at the Table where the same being again read by the Clerk was agreed To by the House.

Ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed

The House resolved themselves into a Committee &

took into their consideration the Bill Intitled an Act for Constituting and Dividing the several Districts & Divisions of this Province into Parishes & for Establishing Religious Worship therein according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England; & also for impowering the Church Wardens & Vestry men of the respective Parishes to Assess rates for the repair of Churches the Relief of the Poor & other parochial Services. According to Order & after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr DeVeaux from the Committee Reported that they had taken the said Bill into consideration & made some amendments thereto, & that he was directed by the Committee to move that they have Leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to take the sd Bill into further consideration to morrow morning—

ORDERED, That the order of the Day be Adjourned over 'till tomorrow morning.

ORDERED, That Leave of absence be given to Theobald Keifer Esqr 'till next Monday seven night

A Message from the Council that they had Passed an Act for Limitting the time for Persons Claiming Lands by Warrants of Survey &ca under the late Honble Trustees.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk— That they had passed an Act for Limitting the time for Persons claiming Lands by Virtue of Warrants of Survey Allotments nominal, Title or Possession derived from and under the late Honourable Trustees for Establishing the Colony of Georgia their President & Assistants or any others Acting by and under their Authority, To which they desire The Concurrence of this House

And then the said Clerk withdrew—

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read to morrow morning—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morning Nine °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday February 4th 1758—

The House Met according to Adjournmt

The House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House and took into their further consideration the Bill Intitled an Act for Constituting and Dividing the several Districts and Divisions of this Province into Parishes & for Establishing Religious Worship therein according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England; and also for impowering the Church Wardens & Vestry men of the respective Parishes to Assess rates for the repair of Churches the Relief of the Poor and other Parochial services, according to order & after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr DeVeaux from the Committee Reported they had gone through the said Bill & made several amendments thereto which they directed him to Report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be now made.

Then Mr DeVeaux in his place read the same & afterwards delivered the Report in at the Table Where the same was read again and agreed to by the House.

The Church & Parish Bill, Ordered to be ingrossed—

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed.

The Bill to prevent Persons from Purchasing Lands from the Indians &ca read a second time—and Committed—

The Ingrossed Bill Intitled an Act to prevent private Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing Persons trading with them w^th^out Licence was read a second time and committed.

ORDERED, That the Orders of the Day be Adjourned over 'till Monday morning next

And then the House Adjourned 'till Monday morning ten °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday February 6th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournm^t^

read the third time

The Ingrossed Bill from the Council to prevent private Persons Purchasing Lands of the Indians, & for preventing Persons trading with them without Licence was read the third time

and Passed—

RESOLVED, That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Milledge do carry up the same to the Council and acquaint them that this House doth agree thereto without any amendments, who being returned Reported the delivery thereof.

The Bill to amend the ffort Act read the third time.

The Bill Intitled an Act to explain & amend an Act passed in the last Session of the present General Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for the security and Defence of the Province of Georgia by Erecting fforts in the several parts thereof and for Appointing Commissioners for carrying the same into execution was read the third time according to Order.

Passed.

RESOLVED, That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Francis do carry up the same to the Council & desire their Concurrence, who returning Reported the delivery thereof.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday February 7th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

The Bill for Limmitting the time for Persons Claiming Lands by Warrts. of Survey &ca under the late Honble Trustees read the first time

The ingrossed Bill from the Council Intitled an Act for limitting the time for Persons claiming Lands by Virtue of Warrants of Survey Allotments nominal Title or Possession derived from and under the late Honourable the Trustees for Establishing the Colony of Georgia their President & Assistants or any others acting by and under their Authority was read the first time according to order

The Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to encourage white Tradesmen to settle in the several Towns within the Province of Georgia, by preventing the employing Negroes & other Slaves being Handycraft Tradesmen in the said Towns, presented the same according to Order, & the same was received and read the first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to morrow morning—

A petition of Middleton Evans

A Petition of Middleton Evans was presented to the House and read, setting forth that the Petitioner in consideration of One hundred and ffifty Pounds Sterling, Conveyed to one Jacob Lofton a Tract of Five hundred Acres of Land in the Province of Georgia, and that

upon the execution of the conveyance he received Fifty Pounds Sterling part of the consideration money, and took Loftons Bond for the remainder, and further setting forth that a few days after the said Bond became payable the said Lofton withdrew himself privately out of the said Province leaving no Effects to Satisfie your Petitioners said Debt save only the said Tract of Land, and Praying Relief

refferrd to a Committee.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be refferr'd to the Consideration of the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to impower Commissioners to Dispose of James Hearts Land, & that they do examine the matter thereof and Report the same, as it shall appear to them to the House, & that they have power to send for Papers Persons and Records.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday Feb^{uy} 8th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournm^{t}

The Bill to prevent the employing Negroes & other Slaves being Handycraft Tradesmen read the second time and Committed

The Bill Intitled an Act, to encourage white Tradesmen to settle in the several Towns within the Province of Georgia, by preventing the employing Negroes and other Slaves, being handycraft Tradesmen in the said Towns was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, that this House will immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Bill.

Then the House resolved into such Committee & took the said Bill into consideration & after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr Ottolenghe Reported from the Committee that they had taken the said Bill into consideration and agreed to the same.

Orderd to be ingrossed

ORDERED, That the said Bill be ingrossed.

The Church & Parish Act, read the third time

The Bill for Constituting and Dividing the several Districts and Divisions of this Province into Parishes & for establishing religious Worship therein, according to the Rites and ceremonies of the Church of England & also for impowering the Church Wardens & Vestry men. of the respective Parishes to Assess rates for the repair of Churches the Relief of the Poor, & other Parochial Services was read the third Time.

and Passed.

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, That Mr DeVeaux do carry up the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence—

The Market Bill read the first time.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Establishing a Market in the Town of Savannah & to prevent forestalling and unjust Exactions in the said Town & Market, & for repealing a former Act presented the same according to Order, & the same was received & read the first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to morrow morning.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday February 9th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

read a second time and Committed.

The Bill for establishing a Market in the Town of Savannah & to prevent forestalling and unjust exactions in the said Town & Markett was read the second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Bill.

Then the House resolved into such Committee & took the said Bill into consideration, & after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the chair & Mr Rasberry Reported from the said Committee that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration & made several amendments thereto & had directed him to move that they have leave to sit again.

RESOLVED. That this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the sd Bill in the afternoon.

And then the House Adjourned 'till 4 °Clock in the afternoon—

Thursday afternoon

The House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House, & took the Bill for Establishing a Market in the Town of Savannah, & to prevent forestalling & unjust Exactions in the said Town & Market, into their further consideration, & after some time spent

therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, & Mr Rasberry from the said Committee Reported that they had gone through the said Bill & made several amendments thereto which they had desired him to Report, when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Report be now made.

Then Mr Rasberry in his place read the same, & afterwards delivered it in at the table where the same was read again and agreed to by the House.

Ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday February 10th 1758—

The House Met according to Adjournmt

The Bill to prevent the employing Negroes & other Slaves being Handycraft Trades Men read the 3d time

The bill for the encouragment of White Tradesmen to settle in the several Towns within the Province of Georgia by preventing the employing Negroes & other Slaves being handycraft Tradesmen in the sd Towns, was read the third time—

and Passed.

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED That Mr Yonge do carry up the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence who returning Reported the delivery thereof.

The Bill for limitting the time for Persons claiming

The Bill for limitting the time for Persons Claiming Lands by Warrts of Survey &ca under the late Honble Trustees was read a second time and Committed.

Lands by virtue of Warrants of Survey Allotments Nominal Title or Possession derived from and under the late Honorable Trustees for Establishing the Colony of Georgia their President and Assistants or any others Acting by and under their Authority was read a second time & Order'd to be Committed

A Message from the Governor

Gentlemen of the commons House of Assembly—

A Message from the Governor.

I have received from His Majesty's Ministers a Copy of the Resolutions of the House of Commons of Great Britain relative to some extraordinary Pretensions of the Commons House of Assembly of Jamacia (sic) which I now send to you for your information & guidance.

HENRY ELLIS

Savannah 10th February 1758.

ORDERED, That the Copy of the Resolution of the House of commons of the 23d May 1757 upon certain resolutions of the Assembly of the Island of Jamacia (sic) on the 29th October 1753 be Copied by the Clerk of this House for the use thereof.

The Markett Bill read the third time

The Act for Establishing a Market in the Town of Savannah, & to prevent forestalling and unjust exactions in the said Town and Markett was read the third time—

and Passed.

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, that Mr Barnard do carry up the same to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto—

Mr DeVeaux who was appointed to carry up the Bill for constituting and Dividing the several districts & divisions of this Province into Parishes, & for Establish-

ing religious Worship therein according to the Rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, and also for impowering the Church Wardens & Vestry men of the respective Parishes to Assess rates for the repair of Churches the relief of the Poor and other Parochial Services, to the Council & desire their concurrence thereto Reported the delivery thereof

A Message from the Council.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk That they have agreed to the Bill Intitled an Act to amend & continue an Act Intitled an Act for regulateing the Militia of this Province, & for the security and better Defence of the same with some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the amendments be refferr'd to a Committee, & that they do Report their Opinion thereupon.

ORDERED, That Mr Barnard, Mr Delagale, Mr Francis, Mr Jones & Mr Elliott be the said Committee.

ORDERED, That Leave of absence be given to Mr Elliott Mr Jones & Mr Butler 'till Wednesday next

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday February 11th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

Mr Barnard who was appointed to carry up the Bill for establishing the Market in Savannah, & to prevent forestalling and unjust exactions in the said Town and

Market, to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto Reported the delivery thereof.

A Message from the Council.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk— That they have agreed to the Bill Intitled an Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the last session of the present General Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act, for the security & Defence of the Province of Georgia by Erecting fforts in the several parts thereof and for appointing Commissioners to carry the same into execution with some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—And that they have also agreed to the Bill Intitled an Act to regulate Fences in the Province of Georgia and to repeal an Act passed the seventh March One thousand seven hundred and ffifty five Intitled an Act to regulate Fences in the Province of Georgia with some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

Then the said Clerk withdrew

And then the House Adjourned 'till Monday Morning 10 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday February 13th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt & then Adjournment 'till to morrow 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday February 14th 1758.

A Letter from John ffitch Esqr one of the absent Mem-

bers who was wrote to by the Clerk by Order of the House was read, and by the answer it appeared that the reason of his Non attendance was an ill State of Health, and the House held him excused.

The Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread read the first time

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House according to order a Bill for regulating the Assize of bread which was received & read the first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to morrow morning.

ORDERED, That Mr Barnard have Leave to go into the Country upon extraordinary Business—

Mr DeVeaux from the Committee appointed to consider the ingrossed Bill from the Council for limiting the time for Persons claiming Lands by Virtue of Warrants of Survey Allotments, Nominal, Title or Possession derived from & under the late Honourable Trustees for Establishing the Colony of Georgia their President & Assistants or any others acting by or under their Authority, Reported, that they had taken the said Bill into consideration & made some amendments thereunto which they had directed him to Report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDER'D That the said Report be now made.

Then Mr DeVeaux in his place read the same and afterwards delivered it in at the table where the same being again read was agreed to by the House

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday February 15th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

read a second time & Committed.

The Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread was read a second time according to order and committed.

The Bill for Limmitting the time for Persons Claiming Lands by Warrts. of Survey &c. under the late Honble Trustees read a third time

The ingrossed Bill from the Council for limitting a time for Persons claiming Lands by virtue of Warrants of Survey allotments Nominal Title or Possession derived from and under the late Honourable Truestees for Establishing the Colony of Georgia their President & Assistants or any others Acting by or under their Authority was read the third time with the amendments.

and Passed.

RESOLVED, The Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Barnard carry up the same to the Council & desire their concurrence thereto

A Message from the Council.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk That they had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill Intitled an Act for limmitting a time for Persons claiming Lands by virtue of Warrants of Survey Allotments, Nominal Title or Possession derived from and under the late Honourable Trustees for Establishing the Colony of Georgia their President & Assistants or any others Acting by or under their Authority —

Then the said Clerk withdrew

And then the House Adjourned 'till half an hour aftr 3 in the aftrnoon

Wednesday afternoon—

The House Met according to Adjournm[t]

A Message from the Governor requireing the attendance of this House in the Council Chamber Immediately.

A Message from the Governor

Then the Messenger withdrew And M[r] Speaker with the House attended His Honor in the Council Chamber where His Honor was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill Viz[t]

His Honour Assents to the Bill to prevent Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians & trading with them without Licence

A Bill entitled an Act to prevent private persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing Persons trading with them without Licence.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday February 16th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournm[t]

A Letter of excuse from Adam Bosomworth Esq[r] for not attending the service of this House was read, M[r] Bosomworth being present.

ORDERED, that his Excuse be Admitted he paying his ffees.

The Committee to whom the Bill for regulateing the Assize of bread, was Committed Reported they had taken the same into consideration and agreed thereto—

The Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread read the third time

The Bill for regulating the Assize of bread was read the third time—

& Passed—

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, that Mr Milledge do carry up the same to the Council & desire their Concurrence thereto—

Then the House Adjourned 'till 4 °Clock in the aftrnoon—

Thursday Afternoon.

The House Met according to Adjournmt & then Adjourn'd till tomorrow morn: 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday February 17th 1758

The House Met according to Adjournmt

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill to explain and amend an Act Passed in the last session of the present General Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for the security & defence of the Province of Georgia by erecting fforts in the several parts thereof and for appointing Commissioners for carrying the same into execution, and agreed to some and rejected others.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly Febry 17th 1758

Honourable Gentlemen

The House having taken into consideration the amend-

Message to the Council desiring a Conferrence

ments made by your Honours to the Bill to explain & amend an Act for the security & defence of this Province have agreed to some & disagreed to others, & therefore desire a free Conferrence upon the Subject matter of the said amendments, & if your Honours please to Join therein the House desire you'l please to appoint your number time and place—

ORDERED, That Mr Barnard do carry up the same to the Council, who returning Reported the delivery thereof—

Mr Barnard from the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill to amend & continue the Act for regulating the Militia of this Province Reported that they had taken the same into consideration and agreed to some and disagreed to others—

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as follows vizt

Upper House of Assembly 17th Feby 1758.

Mr Speaker

a Message from the Council agreeing to the Conference.

In answer to your Message this House doth agree to the Conference you desire in the room Adjoining the Council chamber at half an hour after three this afternoon upon the amendments made by this House to the Bill to explain and amend an Act Passed in the last Session Intitled an Act for the security and Defence of the Province—

The Committee are

The Honorable	James Habersham Jonathan Bryan James Edward Powell Wm Clifton Wm Knox	Esqrs

Committee of Conferrence

ORDERED, That Mr DeVeaux, Mr Ottolenghe Mr Jones Mr Elliott, Mr Rasberry, Mr Parker & Mr Bosomworth be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Council in a free Conference on the amendments made to the Bill to explain and amend an Act for the Security and Defence of the Province of Georgia by Erecting fforts in the several parts thereof and for appointing Commissioners to carry the same into execution in the room adjoining the Council chamber, half an hour after three in the afternoon—

And then the House Adjourned 'till half an hour after three in the afternoon

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Friday afternoon

The House Met according to Adjournmt & then Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday February 18th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournment

A Letter of excuse from John Mackintosh Esqr for not attending the Service of this House was produced & read & the excuse therein mentioned admitted he paying his ffees

Report of the Committee of Conferrence.

Mr DeVeaux from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the Council in a free Conferrence on the amendments made by the Council to the Bill to explain and amend an Act passed the last session of this present General Assembly for the security and defence of this Province by Erecting fforts in the several parts thereof

& for appointing Commissioners to carry the same into execution Reported, that they had agreed to the amendm[ts] made to the said Bill.

The said report being read a second time was agreed to by the House—

ORDERED, That M[r] Bosomworth do acquaint the Council therewith who returning Reported the delivery thereof.

And then the House Adjourned till Monday morning 10 of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday Feb[ry] 20th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournm[t]

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill Intitled an Act to amend and continue an Act Intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province & for the security & better defence of the same, agreed to some & disagreed to others.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Council.

Commons House of Assembly February 20th 1758.

Honb[le] Gentlemen

a Message to the Council desiring a Conferrence on the Militia Bill—

This House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your House to the Bill to amend & continue an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province & for the security & better defence of the same have agreed to some & disagreed to others. And therefore desire a Conferrence on the Subject matter of the said

amendments & if your Honours please to Join therein—The House desire you'l appoint your Number time & place—

ORDERED, That Mr Parker do carry the same to the Council.

RESOLVED, That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Governor setting forth that the Act of the General Assembly of This Province Passed the present Session Preventing persons trading with the Indians without Licence may fail of its due weight without a mutual agreement between this and our Neighbouring Province of South Carolina that the Laws of each Government relative thereto may be fully & duly carried into execution—

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Council Vizt

Commons House of Assembly

Honourable Gentlemen

a Message to the Council concerning an Address to be presented to His Honour in relation to the Bill to prevent Persons trading with the Indians wthout Licence

This House having come to a Resolution to present an Address to His Honour the Governor to the following Effect Vizt That the Act of the General Assembly passed this Session to prevent Persons trading with the Indians without Licence, & the good purposes thereby intended will in part be defeated, & may faile of its due weight and Effect without a mutual agreement between this and our Neighbouring Province of So Carolina, that the Laws of each Government relative thereto may be fully and duly carried into execution, Therefore this House desire your Honours will please appoint a Committee to Conferr wth a Committee of this House to prepare an Address accordingly—

ORDERED, That Mr Bosomworth do carry up the same to the Council & desire their Concurrence thereto

And then the House Adjourned 'till half an hour past 3 in the Afternoon.

Monday afternoon the House Met according to Adjournmt & then Adjourned 'till 9 °Clock to morrow morning.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday Febry 21st 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournment & Adjourned 'till half an hour past three in the Afternoon—

Tuesday Afternoon—

Mr Parker who was Ordered to acquaint the Council that this House having taken into consideration the amendments made by their Honours to the Bill to amend and continue an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province & for the security & better defence of the same had agreed to some & disagreed to others, & desired a Conferrence upon the Subject matter of the sd amendments—Being return'd Reported the delivery thereof—

Mr Bosomworth who was Ordered to acquaint the Council that this House had come to a resolution to Address the Governor upon the Bill Intitled an Act to prevent private Persons from Purchasing Lands from the Indians, and for Preventing persons trading with

them without Licence being returned Reported he had delivered the Message—

A Message from the Council that they had agreed to the Markett Bill with some amendments.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk That they had agreed to the Bill Intitled an Act for regulating a Markett in the Town of Savannah & to prevent forestalling & unjust exactions in the said Town and Markett, & for repealing a former Act with some amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as follows Viz[t]

Upper House of Assembly 21st ffebruary 1758.

M[r] Speaker

a Message from the Council agreeing to a Conferrence on the Militia Bill

In answer to your Message dated the 20th Instant this House doth agree to the Conferrence you desire on the amendments made by this House to the Bill to amend and continue an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province & for the security & Defence of the same in the room adjoining the Council Chamber at 6 °Clock this Evening

The Committee are

a Committee of Conferrence

The Hon[ble] { Franciss Harriss, Jonathan Bryan, William Knox, James Edward Powell } Esq[rs]

ORDERED, That M[r] Barnard, M[r] Delagale, M[r] Jones M[r] Elliott & M[r] Ewen be a Committee to Join the Committee of the Council upon the amendments made by the Council to the Bill Intitled an Act for regulating a Markett in the Town of Savannah and to prevent forestalling and unjust exactions in the s[d] Town & Markett & for repealing a former Act—in the room Adjoining the Council chamber this Evening at 6 °Clock.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Council

a Message to the Council desiring a Conferrence on the amendments made to the Market Act

This House having taken the amendments made by your Honours to the Bill intitled an Act for regulating a Markett in the Town of Savannah & to prevent forestalling and unjust exactions in the said Town and Markett & for repealing a former Act have agreed to some & disagreed to others, & therefore desire a free Conference upon the Subject matter of the said amendments, & if your Honours please to Join therein desire youl please to appoint your number time & place.

ORDERED That Mr Yonge do carry up the same to the Council who returning reported the delivery thereof.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday Febry 22d 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt

The Minutes of the Precedeing Day were read

Report of the Committee of Conferrence on the amendments to the Militia Bill.

Mr Barnard Reported from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the Council in a free Conferrence on the amendments made by the Council to the Bill to amend & continue an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province & for the Security & better Defence of the same that they had agreed to the amendments made to the said Bill—

The said Report being read a second time was agreed to by the House.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as follows.

Upper House of Assembly 22d ffebry 1758.

Mr Speaker

a Message from the Council agreeing to a Conferrence on the amendments to the Markett Act.

In answer to you Message of Yesterday desiring a free Conferrence on the amendments made by this House to the Bill Intitled an Act for regulating a Market in the Town of Savannah and to prevent forestalling and unjust exactions in the said Town & Market and for repealing a former Act, this House doth agree to the same in the room adjoining the Council chamber immediately.

Committee of Conferrence.

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe, Mr Francis, Mr Rasberry, & Mr Yonge be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Council upon the amendments made by the Council to the Bill Intitled an Act for regulating a Market in the Town of Savannah & to prevent forestalling and unjust Exactions in the said Town & Market & for repealing a former Act in the room Adjoining the Council Chamber immediately—

Report of said Committee.

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the Council in a free Conferrence on the amendments made by the Council to the Bill for Establishing a Market in the Town of Savannah and to prevent forestalling & unjust exactions in the said Town & Markett and for repealing a former Act, Reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments made to the said Bill—The Report being read a second time was agreed to by the House—

a Message from the Council that they had agreed to the Church & Parish Act with some amendments.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk—That they had agreed to the Bill Intitled an Act for Constituting & dividing the several Districts & divisions of this Province into Parishes, & for Establishing religious Worship therein according to the Rites and ceremonies

of the Church of England; and also for impowering the Church Wardens and Vestry Men of the respective Parishes to Assess rates for the repair of Churches the Relief of the Poor & other Parochial services, with some amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

Motion was made and agreed; To Address His Honour Friday next for an Adjournm^t for a Fortnight

And then the House Adjourned 'till half an hour past 3 in the afternoon

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The House Met according to Adjournment & took the amendments made by the Council, to the Bill Intitled an Act for Constituting and dividing the several districts & divisions of this Province into Parishes and for establishing religious Worship therein according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, and also for impowering the Church Wardens and Vestry men of the respective Parishes to Assess rates for the repair of Churches the relief of the Poor & other Parochial Services, into consideration—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday Feb^ry 23^d 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournm^t

The Minutes of the Preceeding Day were read.

The House took into further consideration the

amendm^{ts} made by the Council to the Bill Intitled an Act for constituting and dividing the several districts and divisions of this Province into Parishes and for Establishing religious Worship therein according to the Rites & ceremonies of the Church of England; and also for impowering the Church Wardens & Vestry men of the respective Parishes to Assess rates for the repair of Churches the Relief of the Poor & other Parochial Services, & agreed to some & disagreed to others

ORDER'D That the following Message be sent to the Council—

Commons House of Assembly Feb^{ry} 23^{d} 1758.

Honorable Gentlemen

A Message to the Council desiring a Conferrence on the amendments made to the Church & Parish Act.

The House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your House to the Bill Intitled an Act for constituting and dividing the several districts and divisions of this Province into Parishes, & for establishing religious Worship therein according to the Rites and ceremonies of the Church of England; and also for impowering the Church Wardens & Vestry men of the respective Parishes to Assess rates for the repair of Churches the Relief of the Poor, & other Parochial Services have agreed to some & disagreed to others—And therefore desire a free Conferrence on the subject matter of the said amendments with y^{r} House and if your Honours please to Join therein this House desires you will please to appoint your number time & place.

ORDERED, That Mr Yonge do carry the same to the Council who being return'd Reported the delivery thereof—

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as follows—

Upper House of Assembly 23d ffebry 1758.

Mr Speaker

A Message from the Council agreeing to the said Conferrence—

This House doth agree to the free Conference you desire on the amendments to the Bill Intitled an Act for Establishing Religious Worship in the Province of Georgia, according to the Church of England, and for Erecting Parishes & repairing the Churches of Savannah and Augusta in the room adjoining the Council Chamber at 4 °Clock this afternoon.

Conferrees appointed

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe, Mr DeVeaux, Mr Yonge Mr Milledge, Mr Jones, & Mr ffrancis be a Committee to manage the said Conference—

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as follows—

Upper House of Assembly, Febry 23d 1758.

Mr Speaker

a Message from the Council appointing a Committee to Join a Committee of this House to prepare an Address to His Honr. in relation to the Bill To prevent Persons Tradeing with the Indians without Licence—

In answer to your Message of the 20th Instant desiring this House to appoint a Committee to Join a Committee of your House to prepare an Address to His Honour the Governour to the following Effect Vizt

That the Act of the General Assembly passed this Session to prevent Persons trading wth the Indians without Licence &ca may fail of its due Weight & Effect, & the good purposes thereby intended in part be defeated, without a Mutual agreement between this and the Neighbouring Province of So Carolina, that the Laws of each Government relative thereto may be fully and duly carried into execution— This House doth agree thereto & hath appointed a Committee to Join a Committee of your

House to Prepare an Address for that purpose on Saturday next at four °Clock in the afternoon

Then the House Adjourned 'till half an hour aft^r 3 in three (sic) Afternoon

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Thursday afternoon

The House Met according to Adjournment & then Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday Feb^ry 24th 1758—

The House Met according to Adjournm^t

Report of the Committee of Conferrence on the amendmts. made to the Church & Parish Bill

Mr Ottolenghe Reported from the Committee of Conferrence with the Council on the amendments made to the Bill Intitled an Act for Constituting and dividing the several districts & divisions into Parishes and for establishing religious Worship therein according to the Rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, and also for impowering the Church Wardens & Vestry men of the respective Parishes to Assess rates for the repair of Churches the Relief of the poor & other Parochial Services—That they had agreed to the said amendments which Report being read a second time was agreed to by the House—

Mr. DeVeaux & Mr. Jones Ordered to waite on His Honour & desire an Adjournment for a Fortnight

ORDERED, That M^r DeVeaux and Mr Jones do waite on the Governour and desire, that this House may be Adjourned for a Fortnight.

Then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday February 25° 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournm^t

Their Report

M^r DeVeaux Reported that he with Mr Jones had waited on His Honour the Governour with the request of this House for an Adjournment—To which His Honour was pleased to answer, that he would consider of the same & send an Adjournment if the Publick Business wou'd Possibly Admit of it

Committee of Conferrence on the Address to His Honour in relation to the Bill to prevent Persons trading wth. the Indians without Licence—

ORDERED That Mr Yonge, M^r DeVeaux, Mr Ewen, Mr Parker, Mr Rasberry, Mr Jones & Mr Milledge be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Council on the subject matter of an Address to His Honour the Governor On the Act of the General Assembly, Passed this Session to prevent Persons trading with Indians without Licence &^ca as it may fail of its due weight & Effect & the good Purposes thereby intended, in part be defeated without a mutual agreement between this and the Neighbouring Province of South Carolina that the Laws of each Government relative thereto may be fully & du'ly carried into execution

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as follows

Upper House of Assembly 25th Feb^ry 1758.

Mr Speaker

A Message from the Council agreeing to the Alterations made by the Committee of Conferrence in the amendments made to the ffort Bill—

Upon Report of the Committee of Conferrence upon the amendments made by this House to the Bill Intitled an Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the last Session of the present General Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for the security and Defence of the Prov-

ince of Georgia by Erecting fforts in the several parts thereof and for appointing Commissioners to carry the same into execution, This House doth agree to the Alterations made in the same amendments by the said Committee.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as follows.

Upper House of Assembly 25 Feb^{ry} 1758.

Mr Speaker

A Message from the Council agreeing to the Alterations made by th Committee of Conferrence in the amendmts. made to the Markett Bill

Upon Report of the managers from the free Conferrence upon the amendments made by this House to a Bill Intitled an Act for establishing a Markett in the Town of Savannah, & to prevent forestalling and unjust exactions in the said Town & Market, & for repealing a former Act, This House doth agree to the Alterations made in the said amendments at the said Conferrence—

A Message from the Council by their C^{lk} as follows.

Upper House of Assembly 25th February 1758

Mr Speaker

A Message from the Council agreeing to the Alterations made by the Committee of Conferrence in the amendmts. made to the Militia Bill

Upon Report of the Committee of Conferrence upon the amendments made by this House, to a Bill intitled an Act to amend and continue an Act Intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province & for the security and better defence of the same.—This House doth agree to the Alterations made in the said amendments by the said Committee.

A Message from the Council by their C^{lk} as follows.

Upper House of Assembly 25 ffeb^{ry} 1758.

Mr Speaker

A Message from the Council agreeing to the Alterations made by the Committee of Conferrence in the amendments made to the Church & Parish Act

Upon Report of the managers from the free Conferrence upon the amendments made by this House to the Bill Intitled an Act for establishing religious Worship according to the Church of England, and for Erecting Parishes and repairing the Churches of Savannah & Augusta.— This House doth agree to the Alterations made in the said amendments at the said Conferrence—

And then the House Adjourned 'till Monday morning 10 °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday Feb^{ry} 27th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till 3°Clock in the afternoon.

Monday Afternoon

The House Met according to Adjournment And then Adjourned 'till tomorrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday February 28th 1758

The House Met according to Adjournm^{t}

Mr Yonge Reported from the Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council on the Subject matter of an Address to His Honour the Governor on the Act

of the General Assembly Passed this Sessions to prevent Persons trading with the Indians without Licence—That the Committee had agreed with the Committee of the Council thereto and directed him to Report it, when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Report be now received—

Then Mr Yonge read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was read again and agreed to by the House, & is as followeth Vizt

To His Honour Henry Ellis Esquire Lieut Governour and commander in chief of His Majesty's Province of Georgia, & Vice Admiral of the same—

The Humble Address of both Houses of Assembly.

May it Please Your Honour

Address to His Honour the Governor in relation to the Bill to prevent Persons trading with the Indians without Licence

We his Majesty's most dutifull & Loyal Subjects the Council and commons House of Assembly in the Province of Georgia in General Assembly Met humbly beg leave to represent to your Honour, That by reason of the great inconveniencies and Damages Sustained by the Inhabitants of this Province from Indians coming into the settlements in search of trade, and in Consequence of your Honours recommendation in your speech to both Houses at the opening of this Session We passed an Act to which your Honour has been pleased to give your Assent, whereby it is made unlawfull for any Person to Trade with any Indian within this province without Licence from the Commander in Chief— But we Humbly apprehend that many inconveniences will still remain & your Honours good intentions to preserve the Tranquility of this Province be in a great measure frus-

trated so long as the Indians are permitted to trade within the settlements of South Carolina as they are thereby induced to Traverse our Settlements, & from the length of their Journey to Plunder the Plantations for Subsistance—

We therefore humbly request your Honour will represent to the Governor of South Carolina the ill Consequences of such indulgence and concert with him proper measures to prevent the like irregularities for the future or that your Honour will permit trading Houses to be Erected in such Situation as that the Inhabitants of this Province may enjoy the benefit of the Trade whilst they suffer the injurys consequent to the carrying it on.

A Message from the Council by their C^lk^ as follows—

Upper House of Assembly Feb^ry^ 28th 1758.

Mr Speaker

A Message from the Council agreeing thereto—

The Committee of this House appointed to Join with a Committee of your House to draw up an Address of both Houses to be presented to His Honour the Governor Agreeable to our Message of the 23^d^ Ins^t^ having Reported the Address so drawn up, the same has been received, read and agreed To by this House—

ORDERED, That M^r^ DeVeaux do waite on the Council to desire them to appoint a Member of their House to go with a Member of this House to His Honour the Governor to know when he will be pleased to be presented with the Address of both Houses—who returning Reported the delivery of the Message—

ORDERED, That M^r^ DeVeaux do Join a Member of the Upper House to waite on His Honour, and desire to know when His Honour will be pleased to be presented with the said Address,—who returning reported

that His Honour would receive the Address in a Quarter of an Hour—

A Committee appointd to present the Address.

ORDERED, That Mr DeVeaux, Mr Yonge, Mr Jones, Mr Milledge & Mr Francis be a Committee to carry the Address to His Honour who went accordingly

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as follows—

A Message from the Council that they had agreed to the Bill to prevent the Employing Negroes and other Slaves being Handycraft Tradesmen with some amendments.

That they had agreed to the Bill intitled an Act, to encourage white Tradesmen to settle in the several Towns within the Province of Georgia by preventing the employing Negroes and other Slaves being Handicraft Tradesmen in the said Towns with some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House

And then the House Adjourned 'till half an hour past 3 °Clock in the Afternoon.

Tuesday Afternoon—

The House Met according to Adjournmt

Report of the Committee appointed to present the Address To His Honour in relation to the Bill to prevent Persons trading wth. the Indians without Licence

Mr Yonge from the Committee appointed to Join a Committe of the Council to waite upon His Honour the Governor with the Address of both Houses relating to the Bill Intitled an Act, to prevent any Person in this Province trading with the Indians without Licence from the Commander in Chief— Reported that they had with a Committee of Council waited on His Honour accordingly with the Address of both Houses of Assembly And that His Honour was pleased to say he wou'd represent the contents of the said Address to the Governor of South Carolina & that he hoped such measures would be concerted between them as would effect the good Purposes recommended by both Houses of Assembly.

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intitled an Act to encourage White Trades men to settle in the several Towns within the Province of Georgia by preventing the employing Negroes and other Slaves being Handycraft Tradesmen in the said Towns and agreed to some and disagreed to others—

ORDERED, The following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly February 28th 1758.

Honourable Gentn

A Message to the Council desiring a Conferrence on the amendments made to the Bill to prevent the Employing Negroes & other Slaves being Handycraft Trades Men

The House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your House to the Bill Intitled an Act to encourage White Tradesmen to settle in the severall Towns within the Province of Georgia by preventing the employing Negroes and other Slaves being handycraft Tradesmen in the said Towns— have agreed to some and disagreed to others, & therefore desire a free Conferrence on the Subject matter of the said amendments, & if your Honours please to Join therein, desire you will appoint your time & place—

ORDERED That Mr Yonge do carry the same to the Council who returning Reported the delivery thereof.

A Message from the Council by their Clk as follows

Upper House of Assembly Febry 28. 1758.

Mr Speaker

A Message from the Council agreeing thereto.

In answer to your Message desireing a free Conferrence on the amendments made by this House to the Bill Intitled an Act to encourage White Tradesmen to settle in the severall Towns within the Province of Georgia by Preventing the employing Negroes & other Slaves being handycraft Tradesmen in the said Towns— This House doth agree to the same in the room adjoining the Council chamber immediately

Conferrees appointd.

ORDERED, That Mr Ottolenghe, Mr Yonge, Mr DeVeaux, Mr Milledge, Mr Rasberry, Mr Ewen, Mr Jones & Mr Francis be a Committee to manage the said Conferrence.

Their Report

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Mr Speaker

A Message from the Council agreeing to the Alterations made by the Committee of Conferrence in the amendments made to the Bill to prevent the Employing Negroes and other Slaves being Handycraft Trades Men

Upon Report of the managers from the free Conferrence upon the amendments made by this House to the Bill Intitled an Act to encourage White Tradesmen to settle in the severall Towns within the Province of Georgia by preventing the employing of Negroes and other Slaves being Handycraft Tradesmen in the said Towns— This House doth agree to the Alterations that were made to their amendments at the free Conferrence.

A Message from the Governor

Gentlemen

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I do hereby Adjourn the commons House of Assembly until Monday the Thirteenth Day of March next ensuing then to meet for Dispatch of Business— Given under

my Hand at Savannah this Twenty Eight Day of February 1758.

HENRY ELLIS

To the Members of the
Commons House of Assembly .

The House Adjourn'd 'till 18th March 1758

And then the House Adjourned 'till the thirteenth Day of March 1758

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday March 13th 1758

The House Met

The House Met according to Adjournment & then Adjourned 'till to morrow morn: 11 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday March 14th 1758—

The House Met according to Adjournment & then Adjourned 'till four °Clock in the afternoon

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday March 15th 1758—

The House Met according to Adjournment

A Message from the Governor by the Clerk of the Council Vizt

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen.

A Message from the Governor.

The Governor desires your attendance in the Council chamber immediately—

The House Attend His Honour

Then Mr Speaker with the whole House attended His Honour in the Council Chamber, where His Honour was pleased to Assent to the following Bills Viz^t

His Honour Assents to Several Bills.

A Bill intitled an Act for Constituting and Dividing the several Districts and Divisions of this Province into Parishes & for Establishing Religious Worship therein according to the Rites & ceremonies of the Church of England; and also for the impowering the Church Wardens & Vestry men of the respective Parishes to Assess rates for the repair of churches the Relief of the Poor and other Parochial Services.

A Bill intitled an Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the last Session of the present General Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for the security and Defence of the Province of Georgia, by erecting fforts in the several parts thereof and for appointing Commissioners to carry the same into execution

A Bill intitled an Act, to amend & continue an Act intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province, & for the security & better defence of the same—

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Colony of Georgia, their President & Assistants, or any others acting by or under their Authority—

A Message from the Governor

GEORGIA.

Gentlemen

A Message from the Governor

I hereby Adjourn you until Thursday the fifteenth day of June next ensuing, but if any material Business shall require your meeting sooner I shall call you together by Proclamation

The House Adjourn'd 'till 15th June.

Given under my hand this ffifteenth Day of March 1758.

HENRY ELLIS

To
the Commons House of Assembly

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

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Thursday June 15° 1758

The Members of the Assembly Met according to Adjournmt and then Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday June 16° 1758

The House Met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Eight °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday June 17° 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournment & Mr Speaker having Obtain'd leave from His Honour the Governor for an Adjournment, Adjourned the House 'till Tuesday the the (sic) 27th Instant.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday June 27th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournment & Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday June 28th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournment & then Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 ° Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday June 29th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournm^t

Letters of excuse from several Members of this House for Non attendance were presented and read, & their excuses Admitted—

And then Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday June 30th 1758

The House Met according to Adjournm^t

Motion being made that a sum not exceeding two hundred Pounds Sterling be allowed and apply'd towards defraying any extraordinary expences that may be Necessary for the safety and preservation of this Province in case of Alarm or danger from this Day to the Twenty fifth of December next, and that what Surplusage of the last years Tax may remain in the hands of the Public Treasurer shall be applied towards defraying the said expences And in case there shall be no such Surplusage or such Surplusage shall not amount to the sum of Two hundred pounds Sterling the said sum or so much as shall be wanting to make up and Compleat the same shall be provided for by this House—

ORDERED, That the Consideration of the same be refferr'd to a Committee of the whole House

RESOLVED, That this House will immediately resolve

themselves into a Committee of the whole House, to take the same into consideration

Then the House resolved into such Committee and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, & Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee Reported that they had come to a Resolution which they had directed him to Report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDER'D that the Report be now made.

Then Mr Ottolenghé in his place read the same and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was read & is as follows —

RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds Sterling be allowed and apply'd toward defraying any extraordinary expences that may be necessary for the safety and preservation of this Province in case of Alarm or Danger from this Day, to the Twenty fifth Day of December next And that what Surplusage of the last years Tax may remain in the hands of the Public Treasurer shall be apply'd towards defraying the said Expences, And in case there shall be no such Surplusage remaining or such Surplusage shall not amount to the sum of Two hundred Pounds the said sum, or so much as shall be wanting to make up and Compleat the same shall be provided by this House —

RESOLVED Nem: Con: that this House do agree to the said Resolution.

A Message from the Governor By the Honble Henry Ellis Esqr Lieut Governor &ca &ca

GEORGIA

I hereby Adjourn the commons House of Assembly

until Monday the thirtieth Day of November next then to meet for the Dispatch of Business, But if any Exigence of Government shou'd require your meeting sooner, I shall call you Together by Proclamation— Given under my Hand at Savannah the 30th June 1758.

HENRY ELLIS

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A Message from the Council by their Clerk as follows.

Upper House of Assembly 25 Feb^{ry} 1758.

Mr Speaker

A Message from the Council agreeing to the Alterations made by th Committee of Conferrence in the amendmts. made to the Markett Bill

Upon Report of the managers from the free Conferrence upon the amendments made by this House to a Bill Intitled an Act for establishing a Markett in the Town of Savannah, & to prevent forestalling and unjust exactions in the said Town & Market, & for repealing a former Act, This House doth agree to the Alterations made in the said amendments at the said Conferrence—

A Message from the Council by their C^{lk} as follows.

Upper House of Assembly 25th February 1758

Mr Speaker

A Message from the Council agreeing to the Alterations made by the Committee of Conferrence in the amendmts. made to the Militia Bill

Upon Report of the Committee of Conferrence upon the amendments made by this House, to a Bill intitled an Act to amend and continue an Act Intitled an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province & for the security and better defence of the same.—This House doth agree to the Alterations made in the said amendments by the said Committee.

A Message from the Council by their C^{lk} as follows.

Upper House of Assembly 25 ffebry 1758.

Mr Speaker

A Message from the Council agreeing to the Alterations made by the Committee of Conferrence in the amendments made to the Church & Parish Act

Upon Report of the managers from the free Conferrence upon the amendments made by this House to the Bill Intitled an Act for establishing religious Worship according to the Church of England, and for Erecting Parishes and repairing the Churches of Savannah & Augusta.— This House doth agree to the Alterations made in the said amendments at the said Conferrence—

And then the House Adjourned 'till Monday morning 10 °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday Febry 27th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till 3°Clock in the afternoon.

Monday Afternoon

The House Met according to Adjournment And then Adjourned 'till tomorrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday February 28th 1758

The House Met according to Adjournmt

Mr Yonge Reported from the Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council on the Subject matter of an Address to His Honour the Governor on the Act

of the General Assembly Passed this Sessions to prevent Persons trading with the Indians without Licence—That the Committee had agreed with the Committee of the Council thereto and directed him to Report it, when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Report be now received—

Then Mr Yonge read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was read again and agreed to by the House, & is as followeth Vizt

To His Honour Henry Ellis Esquire Lieut Governour and commander in chief of His Majesty's Province of Georgia, & Vice Admiral of the same—

The Humble Address of both Houses of Assembly.

May it Please Your Honour

Address to His Honour the Governor in relation to the Bill to prevent Persons trading with the Indians without Licence

We his Majesty's most dutifull & Loyal Subjects the Council and commons House of Assembly in the Province of Georgia in General Assembly Met humbly beg leave to represent to your Honour, That by reason of the great inconveniencies and Damages Sustained by the Inhabitants of this Province from Indians coming into the settlements in search of trade, and in Consequence of your Honours recommendation in your speech to both Houses at the opening of this Session We passed an Act to which your Honour has been pleased to give your Assent, whereby it is made unlawfull for any Person to Trade with any Indian within this province without Licence from the Commander in Chief— But we Humbly apprehend that many inconveniences will still remain & your Honours good intentions to preserve the Tranquility of this Province be in a great measure frus-

trated so long as the Indians are permitted to trade within the settlements of South Carolina as they are thereby induced to Traverse our Settlements, & from the length of their Journey to Plunder the Plantations for Subsistance—

We therefore humbly request your Honour will represent to the Governor of South Carolina the ill Consequences of such indulgence and concert with him proper measures to prevent the like irregularities for the future or that your Honour will permit trading Houses to be Erected in such Situation as that the Inhabitants of this Province may enjoy the benefit of the Trade whilst they suffer the injurys consequent to the carrying it on.

A Message from the Council by their C^lk^ as follows—

Upper House of Assembly Feb^ry^ 28th 1758.

Mr Speaker

A Message from the Council agreeing thereto—

The Committee of this House appointed to Join with a Committee of your House to draw up an Address of both Houses to be presented to His Honour the Governor Agreeable to our Message of the 23^d^ Ins^t^ having Reported the Address so drawn up, the same has been received, read and agreed To by this House—

ORDERED, That M^r^ DeVeaux do waite on the Council to desire them to appoint a Member of their House to go with a Member of this House to His Honour the Governor to know when he will be pleased to be presented with the Address of both Houses—who returning Reported the delivery of the Message—

ORDERED, That M^r^ DeVeaux do Join a Member of the Upper House to waite on His Honour, and desire to know when His Honour will be pleased to be presented with the said Address,—who returning reported

that His Honour would receive the Address in a Quarter of an Hour—

A Committee appointd to present the Address.

ORDERED, That Mr DeVeaux, Mr Yonge, Mr Jones, Mr Milledge & Mr Francis be a Committee to carry the Address to His Honour who went accordingly

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as follows—

A Message from the Council that they had agreed to the Bill to prevent the Employing Negroes and other Slaves being Handycraft Tradesmen with some amendments.

That they had agreed to the Bill intitled an Act, to encourage white Tradesmen to settle in the several Towns within the Province of Georgia by preventing the employing Negroes and other Slaves being Handicraft Tradesmen in the said Towns with some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House

And then the House Adjourned 'till half an hour past 3 °Clock in the Afternoon.

Tuesday Afternoon—

The House Met according to Adjournmt

Report of the Committee appointed to present the Address To His Honour in relation to the Bill to prevent Persons trading wth. the Indians without Licence

Mr Yonge from the Committee appointed to Join a Committe of the Council to waite upon His Honour the Governor with the Address of both Houses relating to the Bill Intitled an Act, to prevent any Person in this Province trading with the Indians without Licence from the Commander in Chief— Reported that they had with a Committee of Council waited on His Honour accordingly with the Address of both Houses of Assembly And that His Honour was pleased to say he wou'd represent the contents of the said Address to the Governor of South Carolina & that he hoped such measures would be concerted between them as would effect the good Purposes recommended by both Houses of Assembly.

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intitled an Act to encourage White Trades men to settle in the several Towns within the Province of Georgia by preventing the employing Negroes and other Slaves being Handycraft Tradesmen in the said Towns and agreed to some and disagreed to others—

ORDERED, The following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly February 28th 1758.

Honourable Gentn

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ORDERED, That the Consideration of the same be refferr'd to a Committee of the whole House

RESOLVED, That this House will immediately resolve

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ORDER'D that the Report be now made.

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Monday November 13th 1758.

The House Meet,

The House Met according to Adjournment

Motion was made that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for preventing the Enemy from being Supply'd with Cattle or other Provisions from this Province.

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to prevent the Enemy from being Supply'd wth. Provisions—

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe, and Mr Jones do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Rasberry Reports ye examination of the Minutes—

Mr Rasberry who was appointed to inspect the Minutes of the House with Mr DeVeaux Reported, that they had examined the same accordingly—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morning Nine °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday November 14th 1758.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to enquire what Acts of General Assembly of this Province are expired or near expiring—

Committee appointed to enquire what Acts of Assembly are expired.

ORDERED, That Mr Ottolenghé & Mr Elliott be that Committee

Motion being made that leave be given to bring in a Bill to Lay a Duty on Deer Skins and ffurs exported from this Province to South Carolina.

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to lay a duty on Deer Skins & ffurrs—

ORDER'D That Mr Ottolenghe & Mr Jones do prepare and bring in the same—

The Bill to prevent the Enemy from being Supply'd wth. provissions presented & read the first time—

Mr Ottolenghé presented to the House according to Order A Bill to prevent the enemy being Supply'd with Cattle and other Provisions from this Province, & the same was received and read the first time.

ORDER'D That the said Bill be read a second time to morrow morning—

Motion being made that Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act Intitled an Act for establishing a Markett in the Town of Savannah, and that a Committee be appointed to bring in the same.

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to amend the Markett Act

ORDERED, That Mr Ewen & Mr Rasberry be that Committee

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday Novr 15th 1758.

The Bill to prevent the Enemy from being Supply'd wth. Provissions, read the second time—

The Bill Intituled an Act to prevent the Enemy being Supply'd with Cattle and other Provissions from this Province was read a second time according to order & Order'd to be refferr'd to a Committee of the whole House to morrow morning.

A Call of the House Ordered

ORDER'D, That there be a Call of all the Members of this House on Monday morning next

The Bill to Oblige Mastrs of Vessels to give security not to carry off Persons in Debt presented and read the first time

Mr Rasberry presented to the House according to Order a Bill to oblige Masters of Vessels to give Security not to carry off Persons indebted in this Province which was received and read the first time—

ORDER'D, That the said Bill be read a second time to morrow morning.

And then the House Adjourn'd 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday Novr 16th 1758.

The House resolve into a Committee to consider of the Bill to prevent the Enemy from being Supply'd wth. Provisions

RESOLVED that this House will immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the Bill Intituled an Act to prevent the Enemy from being Supply'd with Cattle and other Provissions from this Province.

The House resolved into a Committee accordingly and took the said Bill into consideration, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee Reported that they had made some Progress therein and desired leave to sit again.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Bill to morrow morning.

Report of the Committee to enquire what Acts of Assembly are expired

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to enquire what Acts of general Assembly of this Province are expired or near expiring, Reported that the light House Act passed the 7th March 1755 to continue three Years, The Negro Act the 7th March 1755 for three years will expire at the end of this present Session of Assembly

The Bill for preventing Masters of Vessels Carrying off Persons indebted, read a second time.

The Bill Intituled an Act for preventing Masters of Vessells carrying off Persons indebted in this Province was read a second time—

Motion being made that the said Bill be refferr'd to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the said Bill on Monday morning next

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday November 17th 1758.

The Bill to amend the Markett Act presented & read the first time—

Mr Rasberry presented to the House according to Order a Bill to amend an Act intituled an Act for establishing a Markett in the Town of Savannah which was received and read the first time, & Order'd to be read a second time on thursday the seventh Day of December next

The House Resolve into a Committee to considr. the Bill for preventing the Enemy being Supplyd wth. provissions

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the Bill Intituled an Act to prevent the Enemy from being Supply'd with Cattle and other Provissions from this Province—

The House resolved into such a Committee accordingly and took the said Bill further into consideration and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, & Mr Ottolenghé Reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill & made several amendments thereto which they had directed him to Report when the House will be pleased to receive the same—

The Committe make Report

ORDER'D, That the said Report be now made.

The House agree thereto— Then Mr Ottolenghé in his place read the same and afterwards deliver'd it in at the Clerks table where the same being again read was agreed to by the House—

The Bill ordered to be ingrossed— ORDER'D, That the said Bill with the amendments be ingross'd—

Then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday Novr 18th 1758.

The Bill read the third time The ingrossed Bill infituled an Act to prevent the enemy from being Supply'd with Cattle and other Provisions from this Province was read the third time according to Order

And Passed, RESOLVED, That the said Bill do Pass.

ORDER'D, That Mr Milledge do carry up the same to the Council & desire their Concurrence thereto.

And then the House Adjourned 'till Monday morning 10 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday Novembr 20th 1758

A Letter from Theobald Keefer Esqr one of the absent Members was read.

ORDER'D, That the same do lie upon the table.

ORDER'D, That the Order of the Day be Adjourned over 'till Monday next

The House further Consider the Bill to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in debt

The House resolved themselves into a Committee and took the Bill Intituled an Act to prevent Masters of Vessells from carrying off Persons indebted in this Province into further consideration, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr Rasberry from the Committee Reported that they had made some Progress therein and desired leave to sit again

RESOLVED that this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Bill to morrow morning

Mr Milledge who was order'd to carry up to the Council the Bill Intituled an Act to prevent the Enemy from being Supply'd with Cattle and other Provissions from this Province being returned Reported the delivery thereof

His Excellency the Govr. by Mr. Ottolenghe represents ye dangerous Situation of the light House & recommends its preservation

His Excellency the Governor by Mr Ottolenghe, Mr DeVeaux and Mr Yonge represented to this House the dangerous State of the light House on the Point of Tybee from the inroads made by the Sea: That his Excellency had used severall means to secure the same which have proved ineffectual by reason the Quick Sands Sapping & undermining the foundation of the same upon every spring Tide & Violent North East Wind, and recommended to the consideration of this House some methods to preserve a Building so usefull to all his Majesty's Subjects trading to this and the Neighbouring Provinces—

Motion being made that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency to thank him for his Representation of the dangerous State and condition of the light House and the Pains he has taken to prevent its being destroyed; and to Assure his Excellency that this House

will take proper measures for Effectually repairing & securing the same

ORDER'D, That Mr DeVeaux & Mr Yonge be a Committee to prepare the same

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday Novembr 21st 1758.

The House resolved themselves into a Committee, and took the Bill Intituled an Act to prevent Masters of Vessells from carrying off Persons indebted in this Province into further Consideration & after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Rasberry Reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill and made several amendments thereto which they had directed him to Report when the House will be pleased to receive the same.

The House further Consider of the Bill to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in debt

ORDER'D That the said Report be now made—

Then Mr Rasberry in his place read the same and afterwards deliver'd it in at the Clerks Table where the same being again read was agreed to by the House

ORDER'D, That the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed

The Bill order'd to be ingrossed.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday Novr 22^{d} 1758

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to go to Tybee to examine the state of the light House and to Report the same to this House

Committee appointed to examine ye State of the light House.

ORDERED, That M^{r} DeVeaux, Mr Yonge, Mr Ewen, Mr Jones & Mr Delagale be that Committee—

The Bill to prevent Mastrs of Vessels from carrying of Persons in debt read the third time—

The ingrossed Bill Intituled an Act to prevent Masters of Vessells carrying off Persons indebted in this Province was read the third time according to Order—

And Passed.

RESOLVED that the same do Pass.

Motion was made that leave be given to bring in a Bill to Ascertain the manner and fform of Electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly, and to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen Members of the said House.

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to Assertain ye mannr. of Electing Members of Assembly &ca

ORDERED That Mr Elliott, Mr Ewen & Mr Jones be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

RESOLVED that no New Bill be moved for in this House after the thirtieth Day of this instant November—

A Bill for Erecting a publick Magazine presented & read the first time.

Mr Barnard presented to the House according to order a Bill intituled an Act for Erecting a Publick Magazine & the same was received and read the first time, & Order'd to be read a second time on ffriday next

Mr Yonge from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to his Excellency to thank him for his Representation of the dangerous State and condition of the

light House, & the Pains he has taken to prevent its being destroyed, & to Assure his Excellency that this House will take proper measures for Effectually repairing and securing the same Reported that they had prepared an Address accordingly & desired to know when this House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED, That the said Report be now made—

Then Mr Yonge in his place read the same & afterwards deliver'd it in at the Clerks Table, where the same being read again was agreed to by the House—

ORDERED, that the said Address be ingrossed—

And then the House Adjourned 'till two °Clock in the afternoon

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Wednesday Afternoon

Address of thanks to his Excellency for his representation of the State of the light house & his pains to prevent its being destroyed—

The Address to His Excellency to thank His Excellency for his Representation of the dangerous state & condition of the light House and the pains he has taken to prevent its being destroyed, & to Assure his Excellency that this House will take proper measures for Effectually repairing and securing the same being ingrossed according to Order, was Ordered to be read to the House & was read accordingly in the words following Vizt

To His Excellency Henry Ellis Esqr Capt General Governor & Commander in Chief of the Province of Georgia, & Vice Admiral of the same.

The humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it Please your Excellency

This House having taken into consideration your Ex-

cellency's Representation of the dangerous State of the light House at the entrance of the River Savannah by the inroles of the Sea, & the several Efforts made by your Excellency to prevent and secure its foundation being Sapped & undermined by the Spring Tides and Violent North East Winds have proved ineffectual by means of the Quick Sands rendering it impracticable to make a solid and lasting security against the Violence of the Winds & Sea.

We are very thankfull to your Excellency for the pains you have taken therein as well for your Assidious and earnest endeavours in so usefull a Work, as your desire to ease the Publick of an extraordinary expence that would otherwise accrue—

We Sirs join in your Sentiments that so usefull and beneficial a Building to this Province and all his Majesty's trading Subjects on the Southward Continent be immediately preserved, And we hope your Excellency will be pleased to continue your kind Efforts herein 'till methods can be taken for carrying this necessary work effectually into execution, And for defraying the expence this House propose to empower the Commissioners of the General Loan to stamp a sufficient Sum for this service & to sink the same by the impost on Shipping as already provided for keeping the Light House in repair This Method we are of Opinion will be least burthensome to the Province, & we hope it will meet with your Excellency's Approbation.

RESOLVED, That the same do Pass.

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do sign the same—

RESOLVED, that the said Address be presented to His Excellency for the whole House.

ORDER'D That Mr Milledge & Mr Barnard be a Committee to waite on His Excellency and acquaint him that the House having an Address to present, desire to know when his Excellency will be pleased to be attended therewith—They waited on his Excellency accordingly and being returned Reported that his Excellency was pleased to say he woud be ready to receive the said Address at 4 °Clock.

The house present their Address.

Mr Speaker with the whole House waited on his Excellency and presented their said Address, and being returned Mr Speaker Reported that they had waited on His Excellency and presented their Address, and that his Excellency was pleased to return for answer that he would continue his Endeavours to secure the light House 'till this House fall on proper measures to secure it Effectually and that he approved of the Method proposed by the House to defray the expence

His Excellency's Answer.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday Novr 23d 1758.

The House Met and Adjourn'd 'till 4 °Clock in the After Noon

Thursday Afternoon.

Mr Yonge from the Committee appointed to Examine the State and Condition of the light house, acquainted the House that they had examined the same accordingly,

& are ready to make their Report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDER'D, That the said Report be now made.

Then Mr Yonge in his place read the same & afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same being read again by the Clerk is as follows.

Report of the Committee appointed to Examine the State of the Light House—

Report of the Committee to examine the State of ye light House.

Your Committee having inspected and taken a View of the light House are of Opinion that tho' the same is in a very dangerous and ruinous Condition, Yet with an additional number of hands to those already employ'd by his Excellency, and a proper supply of Materials it may be preserved and kept from falling upon the Plan formed by his Excellency and now in execution under the direction of Capt Francis Goffe—

RESOLVED, that this House do agree with the said Committee in their said Report

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday Novr 24° 1758.

Motion was made that leave be given to bring in a Bill to appoint Commissioners to secure the light House on Tybee—

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to secure the Light House—

ORDERED, that Mr Yonge, Mr Ewen & Mr DeVeaux be a Committee to prepare & bring in the same—

The Magazine Act read the second time— The Bill intitled an Act for Erecting a Publick Magazine was read a second time according to order

Motion being made that the said Bill be refferr'd to a Committee of the whole House.

And Committed. RESOLVED that this House will immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Bill.

The House resolved into such Committee accordingly and took the said Bill into consideration, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, & Mr Barnard from the Committee Reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several amendments thereto which they had directed him to Report when the House will be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, that the said Report be now made.

Then Mr Barnard in his place read the same and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks Table where the same being again read was agreed to by the House.

And orderd to be ingrossed— ORDERED, the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed.

Motion being made that leave be given to bring in a Bill to impower the Commissioners of the General Loan to Stamp and issue the further sum of Seven hundred Ninety and nine pounds Eight shillings & Eleven pence in Sterling Bills of Credit to defray the expence of repairing the Church in Savannah, the light House on Tybee Island, and for building a Public Magazine in Savannah, and to make good a Defficiency of the Publick Tax destroyed by an Accident of Fire—

Committee appointedto brin in a Bill for stamping £799 - 8 - 11 for repairing ye Church in Savannah & othr purposes—

ORDERED, That Mr Yonge, Mr Ewen, & Mr DeVeaux be a Committee to prepare & bring in the same—

Motion was made that a Remonstrance be drawn up to be sent to the Lords of Trade and Plantation setting forth the Utility of the Act intitled an Act for the better regulating of the Courts of request, and to desire their Lordships interest for Obtaining the Royal Assent to the same.

RESOLVED, That a Remonstrance be drawn up accordingly

Mr. Parker reports the delivery of the Bill concerning Masters of Vessels

ORDERED, that Mr Parker do carry up to the Council the Bill to prevent Masters of Vessells carrying off Persons indebted in this Province who returning Reported the delivery thereof.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday Novembr 25. 1758.

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to enquire what quantity of Lands and Number of Slaves are Liable to pay Tax in this Province, and to Report the same as it shall appear to them, to the House—

Committee appointed to enquire what qty. of Lands & Slaves are taxable in this Province

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe, Mr Ewen, Mr Rasberry, Mr Butler, Mr Jones & Mr Elliott be that Committee, And they have power to send for Persons, Papers, & Records—

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for Ascertaining the Duty of Constables.

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to Ascert in ye duty of Constables

ORDERED, that Mr Ottolenghe & Mr Elliott be that Committee

The Election Bill presented & read the first time.

Mr Elliott presented to the House according to Order a Bill to Ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to Represent the inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen Members of the said House which was received and read the first time And Order'd to be read a second time on Thursday next

The Bill for securing the Light House presented & read the first time

Mr Yonge presented to the House according to Order a Bill for appointing Commissioners to secure the light House on Tybee Island which was receiv'd and read the first time And Order'd to be read a second time on Monday morning next

And then the House Adjourn'd 'till Monday morning 10 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday November 27th 1758.

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for the more speedy Collecting his Majesty's Quit Rents within this Province.

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the more speedy Collecting his Majestys Quit Rents

ORDERED, That Mr Ottolenghe & Mr Barnard be a Committee to prepare & bring in the same—

The House call'd Over.

The Order of the day being read for a Call of the House the House was called over, and the Names of such Members as made default to appear were taken down

The Names of John Mackintosh & Adam Bosomworth Esquires being called over and they not being excused.

Mr. Mackintosh & Mr. Bosomworth absentees Ordered to be taken into Custody.

ORDERED, That John Mackintosh and Adam Bosomworth Esqr be taken into the custody of the Messenger attending this House for neglecting to attend their service in the commons House of Assembly—

ORDER'D that Warrants be made out for that Purpose by the Clerk of this House, & that Mr Speaker do sign the same.

The Name of Theobald Keefer Esqr being called over it appear'd to this House that the letter sent by him to this House was not Satisfactory—

ORDERED, that the Clerk of this House do write to the said Theobald Keefer to demand his attendance immediately

The Bill for securing the Light House on Tybee Island read a second time.

The Bill for appointing Commissioners to secure the light House on Tybee Island was read a second time according to Order

Motion being made that the said Bill be refferr'd to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the said Bill to morrow morning.

A Message from the Council that they agree to the Bill to prevent ye Enemy from being Supply'd wth. Provissions wth. amendments.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk

That they have agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent the Enemy from being Supply'd with Cattle and other Provissions from this Province, with some

amendments to which amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday November 28th 1758.

The House disagree to some amendmts. made to the above Bill.

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent the enemy from being Supply'd with Cattle and other Provisions from this Province, and Reported that they agreed to some and disagreed to others.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly Novr 28. 1758.

Honourable Gentlemen

And desire a Conference thereupon

This House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your Honours to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent the Enemy from being Supply'd with Cattle & other Provissions from this Province have agreed to some and disagreed to others and therefore this House desire you'l please to appoint a Committee of your House to Join a Committee of this House in a Conference upon the Subject matter of the said amendments And if your Honours please to Join therein this House desire youl please to appoint your number time and place.

ORDERED, that Mr Barnard do carry up the same to the Council who being return'd Reported the delivery thereof.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk.

The Council agree to the Bill for regulating the Assize of bread with amendments

That they have agreed to the Bill for regulating the Assize of bread with some amendments to wch amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew

The House resolved into a Committee upon the Bill to secure the Light House

The House resolved themselves into a Committé and took the Bill for appointing Commissioners to secure the Light House on Tybee Island, into their consideration and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr Yonge from the Committee Reported that they had gone through the said Bill & made several amendments thereto which they had directed him to Report when the House will be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be now made.

The Committee make their Report wch. is agreed To—

Then Mr Yonge in his place read the same & afterwds delivered it in at the Clerk's Table where the same being again read was agreed to by the House—

And the Bill order'd to be ingrossed.

ORDERED that the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed.

A Message from the Council—

Upper House 28° November 1758.

Mr Speaker

The Council agree to a Conference on the Bill to prevent the Enemy being supplyd wth. Provision

In answer to your Message of this Day desireing a Conferrence on the Subject matter of the amendments made by this House to the Act for preventing the Enemy from being Supply'd over Land with Cattle and other

Provissions from this Province this House agree to the said Conferrence and do appoint to morrow morning Eleven °Clock for that purpose in the room Adjoining the Council Chamber.

Committee

William Knox
The Honorable James Habersham } Esq^rs
James Edwd Powell

Conferrees appointed

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe, Mr Yonge, Mr Jones & Mr Elliott be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Council in a Conferrence on the amendments made to the Bill for preventing the Enemy from being Supply'd with Cattle and other Provisions from this Province in the room Adjoining the Council Chamber to morrow morning 11 °Clock

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday Novr 29th 1758.

The House agreed to the amendmts made to ye Bill for regulateing the Assize of Bread

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act for regulating the Assize of bread to which amendments the House agreed—

And Order'd the Bill to be ingrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the amendm^ts be ingrossed

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday Novemb^{r} 30th 1758.

Report of the Committee of Conference upon the Bill for preventing ye Enemy being Supplyd wth. Provissions

Mr Ottolenghé from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the Council in a Conferrence on the amendments made by the Council to the Bill for preventing the Enemy from being Supplyd with Cattle and other Provisions from this Province Reported that they had agreed to the amendments made to the said Bill.

The said Report being read a second time was agreed to by the House.

Motion was made that leave be given to bring in a Bill for securing & repairing the Church in Savannah—

Committee appoi..ted to bring in a Bill for Repairing the Church in Savannah

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe & Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

The Election Bill read the second time

The Bill to Ascertain the manner & form of Electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly & to appoint who shall be capable of choosing and being chosen Members of the said House was read the second time

Motion being made that the said Bill be refferred to a Committee of the whole House—

RESOLVED that this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the said Bill on ffriday the Eight Day of Decemb^{r} next—

A Message from the Council by their Clerk as follows Viz^{t}

Upper House 30th Novemb^{r} 1758.

Mr Speaker

Upon Report of the Committee of this House ap-

The Council agree to the Alterations made by the Committee of Conference in ye amendmts to ye Bill for preventing the Enemy being Supplyd wth. Provissions—

pointed to Confer with a Committee of your House on the Subject matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill intituled an Act for preventing the Enemy from being Supplyd over Land with Cattle & other Provissions from this Province This House do agree to the Alterations made in the amendments at the said Conferrence—

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Council.

Commons House of Assembly November 30th 1758.

Honble Gentlemen

The House agree to the said Alterations

Upon Report of the Committee of this House appointed to confer with a Committee of your House on the Subject matter of the amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled an Act for preventing the Enemy from being Supplyd with Cattle and other Provissions from this Province This House do agree to the Alterations made in the amendments at the Conferrence.

ORDERED, That Mr Yonge do carry up the same to the Council who being returned Reported the delivery thereof—

A Message from His Excellency the Governor To the Members of the commons House of Assembly—

Gentn of the commons House of Assembly—

A Message from His Excellency recommending to the consideration of the House the Decayed Condition of the Church in Savannah—

It is always with extreme reluctance that I suggest to you any measure tending to create an expence to the Publick but it would be inexcusable for one in my Station longer to delay recommending to your consideration the very decayed and dangerous condition of the Church in Savannah—

The Dutys of Religion, the safety of those who frequent that place of Worship and indeed common decency demands that something should immediately be done towards securing and repairing it — The necessity of this Service is so Obvious as to require no argument of mine to enforce it I am perswaded therefore that you will chearfully do what may be proper therein relying that nothing shall be ommitted on my part to render your Resolutions for this purpose Effectual.

HENRY ELLIS

Motion was made that an Address be presented to his Excellency in answer to his Message relating to the repairing the Church of Savannah.

ORDERED, that Mr Yonge do prepare the same.

ORDERED, that the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly 30th Novr 1758.

Honble Gent^n

The House agree to the amendments made to ye Bill for regulating the Assize of bread.

This House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your House to the Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread have agreed to the same

ORDER'D that Mr Yonge do carry up the same to the Council who being returned Reported the delivery thereof—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday December 1st 1758.

Mr Yonge who was appointed to draw up an Address to his Excellency's Message relating to the Repairing the Church in Savannah Reported that he had prepared one and desired to know when the House would be pleased to receive the same—

ORDERED, That the said Report be now made—

Then Mr Yonge in his place read the same and afterwards deliver'd it in at the Clerks Table where the same being read again was agreed to by the House

ORDERED, that the said Address by (sic) ingrossed—

The Address to His Excellency being ingrossed according to Order, it was Ordered to be read to the House, & was read accordingly in the words following Vizt

To His Excellency Henry Ellis Esquire Capt General Governor & Commander in Chief of the Province of Georgia & Vice Admiral of the same—

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it Please your Excellency—

The House Address his Excellency upon his Message concerning the decayed Condition of the Church.

This House having taken into consideration the decayed & dangerous condition of the Church in Savannah as recommended to us by yr Excellency's Message — We entirely agree with your Excellency in the Necessity of this service & that the duties of Religion common decency & the safety of those who attend that place of Worship demands our attention. We therefore assure

your Excellency that we will chearfully do every thing in our power to provide a Fund for defraying the expence of this Necessary Service — And we Sir return you our sincere thanks for your repeated instances of easing the Publick expence and your disposition to contribute every thing on your part to render our resolves effectual.

ORDER'D that Mr Speaker do sign the same who signed the same accordingly.

ODERED, that Mr Yonge and Mr Jones be a Committee to present the said Address to His Excellency

The Magazine Bill read the third time

The ingrossed Bill for erecting a Publick Magazine was read the third time—

And Passed.

RESOLVED that the bill do Pass—

ORDERED, that Mr Francis do carry up the same to the Council & desire their Concurrence thereto—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday December 2d 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournment, and then Adjourned 'till Monday morn: 10 °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday Morning Decembr 4° 1758.

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till to morrow morn: 9 °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday Morning December 5th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournment & then Adjourned 'till to morrow Nine of the Clock—

Wednesday Decr 6th 1758.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Mr. Yonge Reports his Excellencys Answr. to the Address concerning the decay'd State of the Church

Mr Yonge from the Committee appointed to present the Address to his Excellency in answer to his Message concerning the repairing the Church in Savannah Reported that they had waited on his Excellency and presented the said Address to which his Excellency was pleased to return for answer that it was highly pleasing to him that his Message to this House relating to the decay'd State of the Church in Savannah was approved & return'd his thanks to the House for their chearfull endeavours to second his measures for the service of the Publick—

The Bill for securing the light House read the third time and Passed.

The ingrossed Bill for appointing Commissioners to secure the light House on Tybee was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass—

ORDERED, that Mr Morrell do carry up the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto—

The Bill for stamping £ 799 - 8 - 11 (s d) read the first time

Mr Yonge presented to the House according to order a Bill to impower the Commissioners of the general Loan to Stamp and Issue the further sum of seven hundred Ninety and nine Pounds Eight shillings & Eleven pence in Sterling Bills of Credit to defray the expence of repair-

ing the Church in Savannah, the light House on Tybee Island, and for Building the publick Magazine in Savannah and to make good a defficiency of the Publick Tax destroy[d] by an accident of Fire which was received & read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to morrow morning.

And then the House Adjourn'd 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday Decemb[r] 7th 1758.

Read a second time

The Bill intituled an Act to impower the Commissioners of the general Loan to stamp and Issue the further sum of seven hundred Ninety & nine Pounds Eight shillings & Eleven pence in Sterling Bills of Credit to defray the expence of repairing the Church in Savanah the light house on Tybee Island and for Building a Publick Magazine in Savannah, & to make good a Defficiency of the Publick Tax destroyed by an accident of Fire, was read a second time according to order.

Motion being made that the said Bill be refferrd to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the said Bill

The House resolve into a Committee thereupon—

The House resolved into such Committee accordingly—and after some time spent therein M[r] Speaker resumed the Chair & M[r] Yonge from the Committee Reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made some amendments thereto which they had directed him to

Report when the House will be pleased to receive the same

ORDERED, that the said Report be now made.

Then Mr Yonge in his place read the same and afterwards deliver'd it in at the Clerks Table where the same being again read was agreed to by the House

The Bill ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed.

The Bill to amend the Markett Act read a second time

The Bill to amend an Act intituled an Act for the better regulating the Markett in the Town of Savannah was read the second time according to Order, and Committed.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday Decembr 8th 1758.

The Bill for stamping £799 - 8 - 11 read the third time—

The ingrossed Bill to impower the Commissioners of the general Loan to stamp and issue the further sum of seven hundred Ninety and Nine Pounds Eight shillg and Eleven pence in sterling Bills of Credit to defray the expence of repairing the Church in Savannah the light house on Tybee, & for Building the Publick Magazine in Savannah, & to make good a defficiency of the Publick Tax destroyed by an Accident of Fire was read the third time.

And Passed.

RESOLVED, That the Bill do Pass—

ORDERED, that Mr Jones do carry up the same to the

Council, who being returned Reported the delivery thereof—

Mr Rasberry Reported from the Committee to whom the Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act for the better regulating the Markett in the Town of Savannah was committed that they had gone through part of the Bill & made some amendments thereto & that the Committee desired leave to sit again—

Mr Francis who was appointed to carry up the Bill to the Council for erecting a publick Magazine being return'd Reported the delivery thereof.

Mr Morell who was appointed to carry up the Bill to the Council for appointing Commissioners to secure the light House on Tybee Island being returned Reported the delivery thereof.

And then the House Adjourn'd 'till 3 °Clock in the afternoon

Friday afternoon—

The House resolve into a Committee on the Election Bill

The House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House & took into consideration the Bill intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner and fform of Electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly & to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen Members of the said House, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr Elliott from the Committee Reported that they had taken the said Bill into consideration & made some amendmts thereto, and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they have leave to sit again.

RESOLVED that this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Bill to morrow morning.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday December 9th 1758.

The House Met according to Adjournmt And then Adjourn'd 'till Monday mornn 10 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday Decembr 11, 1758.

The Bill for repairg. the Church in Savannah presented and read the first time—

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House according to Order a Bill for securing and repairing the Church in Savannah which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a second time to morrow morning

Mr Rasberry reported from the Committee to whom the Bill intituled an Act, to amend an Act for the better regulating the Markett in the Town of Savannah was committed, That the Committee had gone through the same & made some further amendments thereto which they had directed him to Report to the House when the House will please to receive to receive (sic) the same.

ORDER'D that the said Report be now made.

The Committee upon the Bill to amend the Markett Act make their Report wch. is agreed to by the House And the Bill ordered to be ingrossed—

Then Mr Rasberry read the same in his place & afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks table where the same being again read was agreed to by the House

ORDERED That the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed—

The sd. Bill read the third time and Passed.

The ingrossed Bill to amend an Act intituled an Act for the better regulating of the Markett in Savannah was read the third time.

RESOLVED, That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Milledge do carry up the same to the Council—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday Decembr 12th 1758.

The Bill for reducing the Interest of money read the first time

Mr Ottolenghé presented to the House according to order a Bill for reducing the Interest of money which was recd and read the first time—

The Bill for repairing the Church in Savannah read the second time

The Bill for securing and repairing the Church in Savannah was read a second time according to Order and Committed.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Clerk of the Council—

Gentlemen

His Excellency desires the attendance of your House immediately in the Council Chamber.

The House attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber & his Excellency Assents to two Bills

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the House went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills Vizt

An Act for preventing the Enemy from being Supply'd with Cattle & other Provisions from this Province

An Act for regulating the Assize of Bread.

ORDERED That the following Address be sent to his Excellency by Mr Barnard & Mr Ewen

To His Excellency Henry Ellis Esquire Governor and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same—

The Tumble Address of the commons House of Assembly.

May it Please your Excellency.

The House request his Excellency to direct the public accounts & an Estimate of the publick expences to be laid before them

The Commons House of Assembly request the favour of your Excellency to direct the Public accounts and an Estimate of the Publick expences to be laid before the House for their Guidance in Passing the Tax Bill—

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday Decr 13th 1758.

A Message from the Governor.

Gentn of the commons House of Assembly—

A Message from his Excellency with an Estimate of the Publick expences

I now send you an Estimate of the certain and probable Expences which may arise in the course of the ensuing Year — In composing of this I have rated every article as moderately as the nature of the Service would Admit—

Agreeable to your request I have directed the Treasurr to lay before you an exact State of the receipts & Issues of the Publick money for the last year together with proper Vouchers

Beside the ordinary Contingencies provided for by the Assembly an extraordinary expence has arisen from the care and attendance of some poor Sailors and others who were wounded & disabled on Board the Tryall during her last cruise for clearing this Coast of the enemy — And altho' this charge has not been incurred in Consequence of any Authority from me for that purpose, in my Public Capacity, Yet I cannot help thinking it my Duty to make you acquainted with it, and recommend the discharging of it To you. And this I am induced to do less from any partial Consideration than because I conceive I ought not in Justice & humanity to Omit it; for it seems highly reasonable that those who have risqued their Lives chiefly from motives of Publick regard, should be intitled to some degree of the Publick attention and favour—

There remains Gentlemen only to mention that as there appears to be a great defficiency in the last years

Taxes oweing to the remissness of those whose particular Business it was to Collect them, it becomes extreamly necessary that some Effectual measures should be taken to prevent such Neglects & defficiencies hereafter

HENRY ELLIS

Savannah 13th Decembr 1758.

Committee appointed to prepare a Tax Bill

And for othr. business

ORDERED, That Mr Yonge & Mr De Veaux be Added to the Committee appointed to enquire what Quantity of Lands and number of Slaves are Liable to pay Tax in this Province & the said Committee are appointed to examine the receipts and issues of the Publick money for the last Year — The Estimate of the charges of this Government commencing the 29th Day of September 1758, and ending the 29th Septembr 1759 as laid before this House by his Excellency the Governor, and to prepare the said Tax Bill—and Report the same to this House on Wednesday the 17th day of January next with their consideration of his Excellency's Message of this day to the House—

Committee appointed to Examine ye Minutes.

ORDERED that Mr Milledge & Mr Morell be a Committee to examine & settle the minutes of the House—

ORDERED, That Mr Yonge & Mr Ewen do waite on the Governor with a request of this House that he will be pleased to Adjourn the House 'till after the Holy days who returning Reported that his Excellency was pleased to comply with the desire of this House, and sent them the following Adjournment—

GEORGIA

Gentn

The House Adjourned

I do hereby Adjourn the Commons House of Assembly to Tuesday the sixteenth Day of January next

ensuing then to meet for the dispatch of business & You are hereby Adjourned accordingly.

Given under my Hand at Savannah The 13th Day of December 1758.

HENRY ELLIS

To the Members of the
Commons House of Assembly.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia in the Sixth Session of the second general Assembly of the said Province first Met on Monday the first Day of November one thousand seven hundred and fifty six and continued by Prorogation & Adjournments to Tuesday Jany 16th 1759.

A true Copy taken from
the Original,

THOS BURRINGTON Clerk of the
Commons House of Assembly.

GEORGIA

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JAMES WHITEFIELD D. Secy

Journal of the Proceedings of the commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia in the sixth Session of the second general Assembly of the said Province first Met on Monday the first day of November one thousand seven hundred and fifty six, and continued by Prorogation & Adjournments to Tuesday January 16th 1759.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday January 16th 1759.

The Assemby (sic) meet

The House Met according to Adjournment

And then the House Adjourn'd 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday January 17th 1759.

The Committee to enquire what Qty. of Lands & number of Slaves are liable to pay Tax in this Province & likewise to examine the receipts & Issues of the last Year, desires leave to sit again

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to enquire what Quantity of Lands and number of Slaves are liable to pay Tax in this Province, and to examine the receipts and issues for the last year and likewise the estimate of the Charges of this government commencing the 29th of Septembr 1758 and ending the 29th of September 1759 Reported that the Committee had made some Progress therein and desired leave to sit again—

Leave granted the Committee to sit again & make their Report Monday morning next

ORDERED, That the said Committee have leave to sit again and that they make their Report on Monday Morning next.

Committee to examine & settle the last Minutes Report, their doing the same—

Mr Morell from the Committee appointed to examine & settle the Minutes of the House Reported that they had examined and settled the same.

Committee's Report on the Watch Act

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to amend the Watch Act Reported that the said Committee had found many alterations necessary to be made in the said Bill, and are of Opinion that a Bill form'd on a new Plan will be of greater Utility for Accomplishing the purposes thereby intended.

leave granted to bring in a New Bill for establishing a Watch—

ORDERED, that leave be given to bring in a New Bill for establishing a Watch in the Town of Savannah, & that Mr Ewen, Mr Rasberry, Mr Jones & Mr Morell do prepare and bring in the same.

Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill for repairing of Christ Church.

Mr Ottolenghé from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Bill for repairing Christ Church in the Town of Savannah was committed Reported that they had gone through the same & made some amendments thereto wch he was directed to Report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the Report be now made—

The said Report agreed by the House.

Then Mr Ottolenghé accordingly read the same in his place and afterwards deliver'd it in at the Clerks Table where the same being again read was agreed to by the House.

The Bill order'd to be ingrossed.

ORDERED that the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morning 9 °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday January 18th 1759.

The Bill for repairing Christ Church ingrossed.

The ingrossed Bill for repairing of Christ Church in the Town of Savannah, & for providing means to defray the expence of the same was read the third time.

and Passed.

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED that Mr Morell do carry the same to the Council & desire their Concurrence thereto

The Watch Bill presented the first time

Mr Ewen presented to the House according to order a Bill Intituled an Act for regulating the Watch in the Town of Savannah, and the same was receiv'd and read the first time and Ordered to be read a second time—

The Bill for reducing the Interest of money read a second time.

The Bill for reducing the Interest of money was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House,

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday January 19th 1759.

RESOLVED that this House do resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the Bill for reducing the Interest of money.

The whole House resolves themselves into a Committee on the Bill for reducing the Interest of money

The House resolved themselves into such Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee Reported that they had gone through the Bill, & made some amendments thereto, which he was directed to Report when the House will be pleased to receive the same

ORDERED, That the Report be now made.

The whole House agrees to the sd. Bill,

Then Mr Ottolenghe in his place read the same & afterwards deliver'd it in at the Clerk's table where the same being again read was agreed to by the House.

Ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed

ORDERED, That leave of absence be given to Theobald Keefer Esqr to go into the Country upon Extraordinary occasions for five Days.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday January 20th 1759.

The House Met according to Adjournm^{t} & then Adjourn'd 'till monday mor^{n}: 10 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday Jan^{ry} 22^{d} 1759.

A Letter from John Elliott Esqr a Member of this House making excuse for his late absence was read and his excuse Admitted.

The Committee to inquire what qty of Lands & number of Slaves are liable to pay Tax in this Province & also to examine the receipts & Issues of the last Year. Reported that they had agreed to the Eight following Resolutions on the same.

The Order of the Day being read Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to enquire what Quantity of Lands & number of Slaves are liable to pay Tax in this Province and to examine the receipts and issues for the last Year and likewise the Estimate of the charges of this Government commencing the 29th of September 1758, and ending the 29th of September 1759 Reported that the Committee had come to Eight severall resolutions which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same

ORDER'D That the said Report be now made.

Then Mr Ottolenghé in his place read the same and afterwards deliver'd the said Resolutions in at the Clerks table, and the same were severally read and are as follows Vizt

1st RESOLVED That it appears to your Committee upon examination of the Treasurers accounts of the receipts and issues of the Publick money for the last year, that the whole amount of the Tax is not yet received partly by accident and partly by remissness in some of the Collectors and Assessors from whence some accounts of the Estimate of the last year remain unpaid, & the Ballance due from or to the Publick can't be duely ascertained 'till the severall sums due from defaulters and the sum of forty nine Pounds ten shillings destroy'd by an accident of Fire be made good, & paid to the Treasurer, The differrence between the Publick Debt or Credit will then be no material Sum

2dly RESOLVED, That it appears to your Committee that 304884 Acres of Land are granted and Allotted in this Province, and no more than 197817 Acres of taxable Lands have been returned by the severall Collectors and Assessors whereby the general Tax falls short in this article £107. Sterling.

3dly RESOLVED, That it appears to your Committee that the last tax raised upon 2500 slaves is far short of the number now in this Province.

4thly RESOLVED That your Committee have duly consider'd the Estimate laid before this House by his Excellency the Govr for defraying the Expences of the ensuing Year amounting to £517..1..6 Stg and are of Opinion that the severall articles are as moderately rated as the present Service will Admit, & that no deduction can be made therefrom

5thly That your Committee upon mature consideration of his Excellency the Governors Message to this house relateing to the Wounded and disabled Men of the Sloop Tryall upon her cruise against his Majesty's Enemies infesting the Coasts of this and the neighbouring Provinces are of Opinion and firmly perswaded that motives of preservation to the trade & Subjects of this Colony in particular Animated & promoted this undertaking by His Excellency tho' the success hoped for, was not obtained, it had its good Effects consequently those unfortunate sufferrers are intitled to the relief of the Publick as recommended by his Excellency so far as this House shall think the accounts deliver'd to your Committee and Examined by them are reasonable, & do amount to £100.. 15s.. 3d Sterling, and your Committee are of Opinion that this Expence should be Added to the Estimate & paid by the Tax of the ensuing Year.

6thly Resolved, That your Committee are of Opinion that an humble Address should be presented to his Excellency in answer to his Message of the 13th December 1758 acquainting him with the Determination of this House upon the Contents of his Excellency's Message.

7thly Resolved, That your Committee have prepared a Tax Bill for defraying the expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer & some other expences of Government for the Year ensuing amounting to £697..16.. 3d Sterling — That is to say—

The amount of the Estimate laid before this House by his Excellency.....	£517..1s..6d
Sundry accounts for the Wounded & disabled sailors of the Sloop Tryall.....	100..15..3

Three Months arrears due from the Publick from the 24th June 1758 to the 29th Sepr following	79..19..6
	£697..16..3

8thly RESOLVED That your Committee are of Opinion from the nearest Calculation they can make, That to raise the above sum of £697..16s..3d This House will be under the disagreeable necessity of Taxing every hundred Acres of Land in this Province at two shillings Sts, every Slave at two shillings ℔ head Stock in Trade Money at Interest & Town Lotts in the same manner as rated by the last Tax.

RESOLVED, that this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Report into Consideration on ffriday the 26th Instant.

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to prevent the building Wooden Chimnies & ye Repair of those already built &c

ORDERED that leave be given to bring in a Bill for preventing the Building Wooden Chimney's in the Town of Savannah, the Repair of those already built & to provide against accidents of Fire; And that Mr Ottolenghe & Mr Ewen do prepare & bring in the same—

The ingrossed Bill for reducing the Interest of Money

The ingrossed Bill for reducing the Interest of Money was read the third time.

Passed.

RESOLVED that the said Bill do Pass.

ORDERED that Mr Morell do carry the same to the Council & desire their Concurrence thereto.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday 23d Janry 1759.

The Watch Bill read a second time and Committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The Bill intituled an Act for regulating the Watch in the Town of Savannah was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House

RESOLVED that this House will immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled an Act for establishing & regulating the Watch in the Town of Savannah, & for repealing the former Act.

Their Report

The House resolved into such Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Rasberry Reported from the sd Committee that they had made some Progress therein & that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

The House Resolve to consider further of the sd. Bill on Thursday next.

RESOLVED, That this House will on thursday next resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the said Bill.

Mr Morell who was appointed to carry up the Bill to the Council intituled an Act for repairing Christ Church in the Town of Savannah & providing means to defray the expence of the same And likewise the Bill intituled an Act to reduce the Interest of money, returning reported the delivery of the same.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday Jan^ry 24th 1759—

The House Met according to Adjournm^t, and then Adjourn'd till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday Jan^ry 25th 1759.

Mr. Delagale writes a Lettr. Making excuse for his late absence

A Letter from Philip Delagale Esqr a Member of this house making excuse for his late absence was read, & his excuse Admitted

A Message from the Council concerning the Light house Bill

A Message from the Council by their Clerk—That they have agreed to the Bill for appointing Commissioners to repair and secure the foundation of the Light House on Tybee Island, with some amendments, to which amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House

The House resolve into a Committee on the Watch Act

The Order of the Day being read the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole house to consider further of the Bill for repealing an Act intituled an Act for establishing a Watch in the Town of Savannah and for better regulating the said Watch and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr Rasberry from the said Committee Reported that they had gone through the Bill & made severall amendments thereto which the Committee had directed him to Report when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED, That the Report be now made—

Then Mr Rasberry in his place read the same and

afterwards deliver'd it in at the Clerks table where the same being again read, was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow mor^n 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday January 26th 1759.

Motion made that no Tax Bill shou'd Pass 'till the Election Bill should Pass both Houses & Assented to by his Excellency.

Motion being made and the Question put That no Tax Bill should pass this House untill the Bill intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner & fform of Electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen Members of the said House, Should Pass both Houses, and Assented to by His Excellency the Governor.

Passed in the Negative

The House resolve into a Committee to consider the Report made concerning the Lands & Slaves taxable in this Province &ca.

The Order of the Day being read the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire what Quantity of Lands and number of Slaves are liable to pay Tax in this Province and to examine the receipts & issues for the last year and likewise the Estimate of the charges of this Government commencing the 29th day of Sepr 1758 and ending the 29th day of September 1759 And to prepare the Tax Bill and to Report the same with their consideration of His Excellency's Message to this House of the 13th of Decemb^r 1758 And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Yonge from the Committee

Reported, that they had gone through the severall resolutions and that the Committee had directed him to Report to the House that they had agreed to the said severall resolutions And that it appeared to the Committee that the sum of Ten Pounds be Added to defray the expense of summoning Jurors & other services relating to the Office of Provost Marshall, as the sum of Twenty Pounds is not sufficient for that Service And that the sum of £47..7^{s}..6^{d} be allow'd to the Clerk of the Assembly being a Ballance due on his account not yet provided for.

RESOLVED That this House do agree with their Committee in the said several resolutions.

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Magazine Bill, and to the Bill for stamping £799..8..11..Stg wth amendments.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk— That they have agreed to the Bill intituled an Act for erecting a Publick Magazine with some amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House, And also that they have agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to impower the Commissioners of the general loan to Stamp imprint Sign and pay into the hands of his Majestys Treasurer the further sum of seven hundred Ninety & nine Pounds eight shillings and Eleven pence in Sterling bills of Credit to defray the expence of repairing the Church in Savannah for building a Publick Magazine in the said Town of Savannah, for secureing the light House on Tybee Island & to make good a defficiency of the last Publick Tax destroyed by an accident of Fire to which they likewise desire the Concurrence of this House.

RESOLVED That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor upon his Message to this House of the 13th of December last.

a Committee appointd. to prepare an Address to His Excellency.

ORDERED That Mr Yonge and M^{r} DeVeaux be a Committee to draw up and prepare the same.

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday January 27th 1759.

The House Met according to Adjournmt & then Adjournd till Monday morn: 10 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday January 29th 1759.

The House Met according to Adjournment & Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday January 30th 1759.

They Report the Address prepared.

Mr Yonge Reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to be presented to his Excellency on his Message of the 13th December last that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly which he was directed to Report to the House, And he read the same in his place and afterwards deliver'd it in at the Table where the same was again read.

The House consider the same

RESOLVED That this House do resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the said Address— The House resolved into such Committee accordingly, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Yonge from the Committee Reported that they had gone through the said Address and made some amendments,

which they had directed him to Report when the House will be pleased to receive the same

ORDERED That the said Report be now made.

And agreed thereto

Then Mr Yonge read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks Table where it was again read and agreed to by the House, and is as follows Vizt

To His Excellency Henry Ellis Esquire Captain general and Governor in chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Georgia.

The humble Address of the commons House of Assembly

May it Please your Excellency.

The Address—

We hope Sir that you will not impute our delaying so long to answer your Excellency's Message of the 13th of Decembr last to any inattention or disrespect on our part but to causes of an Opposite & unavoidable nature.

nor need we assure Your Excellency that a due regard will always be shewn by us to such points as you may think proper to recommend to our consideration having experienced that they are ever founded upon Justice and directed to the Publick good.

We are now to acquaint your Excellency that this House have under their consideration, the Estimate which you were pleased to lay before us, We are perswaded that the several articles are rated as Moderately as the necessary services specified therein would Admitt and this House will make provision of defraying the Publick expences to the utmost of its Ability.

That part of your Excellencys Message respecting the

poor people who sufferr'd in the Sloop Tryals Expedition We have maturely deliberated upon, And We cannot ommitt returning our most grateful & hearty thanks to your Excellency for the part you acted in that affair and for the Laudable spirit your endeavours excited to revenge the insults and depredations committed by the enemy for several Months together upon our Coasts without interruption And tho' the Effects of that spirit were not equal to what might reasonable have been expected from the just measures that were then taken, Yet we are far from thinking them inconsiderable since the Enemy was drove off We are convinced of the propriety and do entirely acquiesce in the Justice of such expences being defrayed as were occasioned by disasters of those who risqued their Lives in the Publick service, it is at the same time incumbent on us And we beg leave to acquaint your Excellency that this expence and some unforeseen demands will put us upon the disagreeable necessity of encreasing the Tax of the present year beyond that of the former and will be a burthen upon us that we do earnestly wish to avoid And we Sir therefore hope and humbly request that if it is by any means in y^r^ Excellencys power you will be pleased to continue your kind Assistance in this particular towards the Easement of the Publick expences.

There remains but to Assure your Excellency that agreeable to your recommendation we will employ the most effectual means in our power to prevent such neglects and failures in the Collection of the publick Tax as have hitherto been notorious and that proper means shall be made use of, to recover such part of the last years Taxes as are yet unpaid.

ORDERED that the said Address be ingrossed.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday January 31st 1759.

The House Consider the Election Bill.

The order of the Day being read the house resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House, further to consider of the Bill intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen Members of the said house and for limitting the time of their sitting And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Jones from the Committee Reported that they had made some Progress therein And that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

RESOLVED That this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Bill to morrow morning.

The Address to His Excellency being ingrossed.

ORDERED that the same be now read.

And the same being read, was agreed to by the House

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do sign the Address.

And Mr Speaker signed it accordingly.

RESOLVED That the said Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor by the whole House.

ORDERED That Mr Francis & Mr DeVeaux do attend his Excellency and acquaint him that the House have an Address to present and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by the House for that purpose.

The said Gentlemen withdrew and being return'd Mr Francis Reported to the House that Mr DeVeaux and himself pursuant to order had attended the Governor and delivered the Message to his Excellency And that his Excellency was pleased to say that he would be ready to receive the House with their Address in half an Hour

The House present their Address.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the house attended his Excellency the Governor and being returned Mr Speaker took the Chair and Reported that the house had attended his Excellency the Governor with their Address which he received very kindly and was pleased to give the following answer

His Excellency's Answer.

That he return'd thanks to the House for the good Opinion they had of his measures to serve the Publick and if they cou'd point out any means to him of lessening the Publick Taxes he would endeavour to put them into Practice, And in the mean time if he could devise any scheme for that Purpose he would communicate it to the House

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday Febry 1st 1759.

The House consider further of the Election Bill

The Order of the day being read for the house to resolve themselves into a Committee to consider further of the Bill intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly, and to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen Members of the said House and for limitting the time of their sitting and after some time spent therein

Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Jones from the Committee Reported that they had made a further progress in the said Bill and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED That this House will to morrow morning resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the said Bill.

And then the House Adjourned till 4 °Clock in the afternoon.

Thursday afternoon

The House Met according to Adjournment & then Adjourned 'till to morrow morn: 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday February 2d 1759.

The House consider further of the Election Bill

The Order of the Day being read the House resolv'd themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Bill intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner & form of Electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly & to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen Members of the said House, and for limitting the time of their sitting and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Jones from the Committee Reported that they had gone through the Bill and made some amendments thereto—which he was directed to Report when the House will be pleased to receive the same.

The Committee make their Report thereupon

ORDERED That the sd Report be now made.

which is agreed to by the House

Then Mr Jones in his place read the same and afterwds deliver'd it in at the Clerks Table where the same being again read was agreed to by the House.

the Bill Ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED That the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed.

ORDERED That leave of absence be given to Theobald Keefer Esqr to go into the Country upon extraordinary occasions

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday Febry the 3d 1759.

Read the third time

The ingrossed Bill intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the commons house of Assembly, and to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen Members of the said House and for limitting the time of their sitting, was read the third time.

And Passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

the same ordered to be carried to ye Council

ORDERED That Mr Jones do carry the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto, who returning Reported the delivery thereof.

And then the House Adjourned 'till monday morning 10 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday February 5th 1759.

The house Met according to Adjournment And then Adjourn'd till to morrow morn: 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday February 6th 1759.

The house Met according to Adjournmt And then Adjourn'd till to morrow morn: 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday Febry 7th 1759.

The Bill for Establishing the Method of of (sic) Choosing Constables presented, & read the first time—

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House according to Order a Bill for establishing the Method of choosing Constables Ascertaining the Qualifications of Persons to serve in that Office and to point out the Duties attending the same was read the first time.

ORDERED That the said Bill be read a second time to morrow.

The House agree to the amendments made to the light House Bill.

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act for appointing Commissioners to repair & secure the foundation of the light House on Tybee Island to which amendments the House agreed.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to ye Council

Commons House of Assembly February 7th 1759.

Honble Gentlemen

A Message to the Council.

This House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled an Act for appointing Commissioners to repair and secure the foundation of the Light house on Tybee Island have agreed to the same

ORDERED That Mr Barnard do carry the same to the Council returning Reported the delivery thereof

The house agree to the amendments made to the Magazine Bill

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill for erecting a Publick Magazine to wch amendments the House agreed.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly February 7th 1759

Honble Gentn

A Message to the Council

This House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled an Act for Erecting a Publick Magazine have agreed to the same

ORDERED That Mr Barnard do carry the same to the Council, who returning Reported the delivery thereof

The House agree to the amendmts made to the Bill for stamping

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The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act to impower the Commissioners of the General Loan to stamp imprint Sign and pay into the hands of his Majesty's Treasurer the further Sum of seven hundred Ninety nine Pounds eight shillings and seven pence in Sterling bills of Credit to defray the expences of Repairing the Church in Savannah for building a Publick Magazine in

the said Town of Savannah for securing the light house on Tybee Island & to make good a Defficiency of the last publick Tax destroyed by an Accident of Fire to which amendments the House agreed.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly February 7th 1759.

Honourable Gentlemen

A Message to the Council

This house having taken into consideration the amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled an Act to impower the Commissioners of the general Loan to Stamp imprint sign and pay into the hands of his Maiesty's Treasurer the further sum of Seven hundred Ninety nine pounds eight shillings & eleven pence in Sterling Bills of Credit, to defray the expence of repairing the Church in Savannah for building a Publick Magazine in the said Town of Savannah, for securing the light House on Tybee Island, & to make good a defficiency of the last Years Tax destroyed by an accident of ffire have agreed to the same.

ORDERED That Mr Barnard do carry the same to the Council, returning reported the delivery thereof.

Report of the Committee appointed to examine what Acts of Assembly were expired or near expiring—

Mr Elliott from the Committee appointed to examine what Acts of the general Assembly of this Province were Expired or near expiring Reported that by a former Report made by the said Committee on the sixteenth Day of November last, it appeared that the light house Act, and the Negroe Act would expire at the end of this Sessions, and the House came to no resolution thereupon And it now appears to the Committee that the Road Act and amendment to the said Act— and the Act for Obliging white Male Persons to carry ffire Arms

to places of Publick Worship would likewise expire very soon

Leave given to bring in a Bill to continue several Acts—

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue to continue (sic) the said Acts and that Mr Elliott & Mr Barnard do prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday February 8th 1759.

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue & amend an Act for regulating Taverns and Punch Houses and Retailors of Spirituous Liquors & that Mr Barnard & Mr Ewen do prepare & bring in the same.

The Bill presented

Mr Elliott presented to the House according to order a Bill intituled an Act to continue severall Acts of the general Assembly of this Province And the same was received and read the first time & Ordered to be read a second time

ORDERED That there be a Call of the House to morrow morning

And then the House Adjourned 'till four °Clock in the afternoon

Thursday Afternoon

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Bill for Repairing Christ Church with some amendmts & Pass'd a Bill for the relief of Debtors—

A Message from the Council by their Clerk— That they had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act for the repairing of Christ Church in the Town of Savannah and for providing means to defray the expence of the same with some amendments to which amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House— And likewise that they had Passed a Bill intituled an Act for the Relief of Debtors with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons to which they desire the Concurrence of this House

The Constables Bill read the second time.

The Bill for establishing the Method for choosing Constables Ascertaining the Qualification of Persons to serve in that Office & to point out the Duties attending the same was read a second time, and Ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED That this House will to morrow morning resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

The Bill for the Relief of Debtors read the first time—

The ingrossed Bill from the Council intituled an Act for the Relief of Debtors with respect to the imprisonment of their Persons was read the first time, & ordered to be read a second time.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday February 9th 1759.

The House agreed to the amendmts made to the Bill for repairing Christ Church.

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act for repairing of Christ Church in the Town of Savannah, and for defraying the expence of the same to which the House agreed.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly February 9th 1759

Honble Gent^n

This house having taken into consideration the amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled an Act for repairing of Christ Church in the Town of Savannah, and for defraying the expence thereof have agreed to the same.

ORDERED That Mr Mackintosh do carry the same to the Council who returning Reported the delivery thereof.

The House called over—

The Order of the Day being read the House was called over, and the names of such Persons as made default to appear were taken down— And the List of defaulters being call'd over, severall of them were excused some upon account of illness or other extraordinary occasions— The names of Joseph Butler, Adam Bosomworth, John Fitch Henry Parker, Theobald Keefer and Philip Delagale Esquires being severally called over and none of them excused

The Clerk ordered to write to the Absentees & require their attendance

ORDERED That a Letter from the Clerk of the House be forthwith sent to each of the said Members demanding their immediate attendance.

ORDERED That this House be called over upon Monday seven Night the 19th of this instant.

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Bill for reducing the Interest of Money wth. amendmts

A Message from the Council by their Clerk— That they had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act for reduceing the interest of money with some amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then the House Adjourned 'till four °Clock in the afternoon.

Friday afternoon

The House resolve into a Committee to consider of the Constables Bill

The Order of the day being read the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the Bill intituled an Act for establishing the Method of choosing Constables Ascertaining the Qualifications of Persons to serve in that Office and to point out the Duty's attending the same— And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair And Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee Reported, that they had made some Progress therein— And that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED that this House will on Tuesday next resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the said Bill.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday Feb^{ry} 10th 1759.

The House Met according to Adjournm^{t} And then Adjourn'd 'till Monday morn: 10 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday February 12th 1759.

The House Met according to Adjournment And then Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday February 13th 1759.

The Bill for the relief of Debtors read a second time.

The ingrossed Bill from the Council Intituled an Act for the Relief of Debtors with respect to the imprisonment of their Persons was read a second time.

Motin (sic) being made and the Question being put That the said Bill be Committed to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday morn: next

It Passed in the Negative

RESOLVED that the said Bill be Committed to a Committee of the whole House upon the 15th day of April next.

A Letter from Philip Delagale Esqr a member of this House Excuseing his absence was read and his excuse Admitted.

And then the House Adjourned 'till 4 °Clock in the afternoon.

Thursday afternoon

The House resolve into a Committee further to consider of the Constables Bill.

The order of the Day being read, the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the Bill intituled an Act for establishing the method of choosing Constables, Ascertaining the Qualifications of Persons to serve in that Office, & to point out the duty's attending the same, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ottolenghe from the said Committee Reported that they had made some further Progress in the said Bill and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—

RESOLVED that this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Bill to morrow morning,

And then the House Adjourn'd 'till to morrow morn: 9 °Clock

Wednesday Febry 14th 1759.

The House resolve into a Committee further to consider of the said Bill

The Order of the Day being read the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the Bill intituled an Act for establishing the Method of choosing Constables, Ascertaining the Qualifications of Persons to serve in that Office and to Point out the duty's attending the same And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ottolenghe from the said Committee Reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several amendments thereto which he was directed to Report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Report be now made.

The Bill with the amendmts agreed to & Ordered to be ingrossed.

Then Mr Ottolenghe read the same in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table where the amendments being again read were agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed.

The Bill for regulating the Watch, read the third time

The ingrossed Bill intituled an Act for regulateing the Watch in the Town of Savannah was read the third time

And Passed.

RESOLVED that the said Bill do Pass.

ORDERED That Mr Francis do carry the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence, who returning Reported the delivery thereof.

The Bill to continue several Acts read the second time

The Bill intituled an Act to continue several Acts of the general Assembly of this Province was read a second time—

The house resolve into a Committee thereupon

RESOLVED That this House do immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the said Bill.

The House resolved themselves into such Committee accordingly, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee Reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made some amendments thereto which he was directed to report, when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED that the said Report be now made.

Then Mr Ewen in his place read the same and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the

Clerk's Table where the amendments being again read, were agreed to by the House.

The Bill ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED, That the Bill with the amendments be ingrossed.

The house agree to the amendmts made to the Bill for reducing the interest of Money

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act for reducing the Interest of money to which the House agreed.

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Council.

Commons House of Assembly February 14th 1759

Honble Gentn

A Message to the Council

This House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your House to the Bill Intituled an Act for reducing the Interest of money, have agreed to the same.

ORDERED, That Mr Parker do carry the said Message to the Council, who returning Reported the delivery thereof.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday February 15th 1759.

The Bill for continueing several Acts read the third time

The ingross'd Bill Intituled an Act to continue several Acts of the general Assembly of this Province was read the third time.

& passed

RESOLVED, That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED That Mr Morell do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto, who returning Reported the delivery thereof—

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor That he will be pleased to dissolve this House after the Business that lies before this House is finished.

Committee appointed to draw an Address to His Excellency desireg he will be pl-as'd to Di-solve this House.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address upon the said Resolution & that Mr Butler & Mr Mcintosh and Mr Morell be the said Committee

The Bill to prevent the Building Wooden Chimnies, presented & read the first time

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House according to order a Bill intituled an Act to prevent the Building of Wooden Chimneys in the Town of Savannah, the Repair of those already built, and to provide against accidents of ffire the same was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday February 16th 1759.

The Committee appointd to draw an Address to his Excellency Report that they have prepared one:

Mr Butler from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor Reported that the Committee had prepared an Address accordingly which he was directed to Report when the house will please to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the Report be now made.

The Address read & Order'd to Lie upon the Table

Then Mr Butler in his place read the same and afterwards delivered the Address in at the Clerks Table where the same was read, and Ordered to lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of this House.

The Bill to prevent Stealing Hor es & Neat Cattle, read the third time

The ingrossed Bill Intituled an Act to prevent Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle, & for the more Effectual Discovery and Punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully Brand Mark or Kill the same, was read the third time.

And Passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Parker do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto who returning Reported the delivery thereof.

And then the House Adjourned, 'till to morrow Morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday Febry 17th 1759.

A Bill for continuing & amending the Act for regulateing Taverns presented & read the first time.

Mr Ewen presented to the House according (sic) order a Bill Intituled an Act to continue and amend an Act for regulating Taverns Punch Houses and Retailors of Spirituous Liquors And for repealing the former Act the same was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a second time.

The Constables Bill read the third time & passed.

The ingrossed Bill for establishing the Method of Choosing Constables Ascertaining the Qualifications of Persons to serve in that Office & to point out the Duty's attending the same was read the third time

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Deveaux do carry the Bill to the Council & likewise the Bill intituled an Act to amend the Market Act returning Reported the delivery thereof.

And then the House Adjourned 'till monday morning Nine °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday February 19th 1759.

The Order of the day for a Call of the House being read the House was called over and the names of such Members as made default to appear were taken down

Mr. Bosomworth not appearing as required.

And the List of Defaulters being called over severall of them were excused, some on account of illness or other extraordinary occasions — The name of Adam Bosomworth being called and he not appearing.

Ordered to be taken into Custody

RESOLVED That the said Adam Bosomworth Esqr be taken into Custody of the Messenger of this House for repeatedly neglecting his Service in Assembly.

ORDERED, That a Warrant be immediately issued for that Purpose, & that Mr Speaker do sign the same.

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning Nine °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday February 20th 1759.

The Bill intituled an Act to continue & amend an Act for regulating Taverns Punch Houses & retailors of Spirituous Liquors & for repealing the former Act was

read a second time & Ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House do immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the said Bill.

The house resolve into a Committee to consider the Bill for continueing & amending the Act for regulating Taverns &ca.

The House resolved themselves into such Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen Reported from the said Committee that they had made some progress in the said Bill, & that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Bill to morrow morning.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday February 21st 1759.

The House consider further of the sd. Bill

The Order of the Day being read the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the Bill intituled an Act to continue and amend an Act for regulating Taverns, Punch Houses and retailors of Spirituous Liquors and for repealing the former Act and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen Reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill & made several amendments thereto which he was directed to Report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Report be now made—

The house agree to the said Bill with amendments

Then Mr Ewen read the Report in his place & afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerks Table where the amendments being again read were agreed to by the House—

And Ordered the same to be ingross'd

ORDERED That the Bill with the amendments be ingrossed

The Bill intituled an Act to prevent the Building Wooden Chimneys in the Town of Savannah, the Repair of those already built & to provide against accidents of ffire was read a second time & Ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the said Bill.

The house resolve into a Committee to consider the Bill for preventing the building Wooden Chimnies

The House resolved themselves into a Committee accordingly, And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr Ottolenghe Reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, & made several amendments thereto which he was directed to Report when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED, That that (sic) the Report be now made—

The house agree to the said Bill with amendments

Then Mr Ottolenghé read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerks Table, where the amendments being again read were agreed to by the House.

And Ordered the same to be ingrossed.

ORDERED, That the Bill with the amendments be ingrossed.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk.

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Bill for regulating the Watch with amendments.

That they have agreed to the Bill intituled an Act for regulating the Watch in the Town of Savannah with some amendments to which amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House

And then the House Adjourned till three °Clock in the afternoon

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Wednesday afternoon

The house agree to the amendments made to the sd. Bill

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act for regulateing the Watch in the Town of Savannah to which amendments the House agreed.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly February 21, 1759.

Honb^le Gent^n

The House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled an Act for regulateing the Watch in the Town of Savannah have agreed to the same.

ORDERED, That Mr Francis do carry the said Message to the Council who returning Reported the delivery thereof—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 10 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday february 22d 1759.

The Bill for preventing Wooden Chimnies read the third time & Passed

The ingrossed Bill intituled an Act to prevent the Building Wooden Chimnies in the Town of Savannah, the Repair of those already Built & to provide against accidents of ffire was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Morell do carry the same to the Council & desire their Concurrence thereto who returning Reported the delivery thereof—

A Message from the Council by their Clerk—

A Message from ye Council that they have agreed to the Bill for continuing several Acts with amendments.

That they have agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to continue severall Acts of the general Assembly of this Province with some amendments to which amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

ORDERED, That leave of absence be given to Joseph Butler Esqr to goe into the country for four days.

ORDERED That leave of absence be given to Theobald Keefer Esqr to go into the Country for six days.

And then the House Adjourned 'till four °Clock in the afternoon

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The House Met according to Adjournment And then Adjourned till to morrow morn: 9 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday February 23d 1759.

The Bill for regulating Taverns, read the third time & Passed

The ingrossed Bill intituled an Act for regulateing Taverns, Punch Houses & retailors of Spirituous Liquors, & to repeal the former Act, was read the third time—

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Morell do carry the Bill to the Council & desire their Concurrence thereto who returning Reported the delivery thereof

a Message from ye Council that they have agreed to the Bill to amend the Market Act with amendmts

A Message from the Council by their Clerk—That they had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to amend the Markett Act with some amendments to which amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House

The House disagree to some of the amendments—

The House having taken into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act to amend the Markett Act—agreed to some & disagreed to others

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly.

Honble Gentn

and desire a Conference thereupon

This House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your Honours to the Bill intituled an Act to amend the Markett Act have agreed to some and disagreed to others And therefore this House desire youl please to appoint a Committee of your House to Join a Committee of this House in a Conferrence upon the subject matter of the said amendments, And if your

Honours please to Join therein the House desire you'l appoint your number time & place.

ORDERED, That Mr Rasberry do carry the said Message to the Council who returning Reported, the delivery thereof—

The house disagree to some of the amendments made to the Bill to continue several Acts

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act to continue severall Acts of the general Assembly of this Province and agreed to some and disagreed to others.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly February 23d 1759

Honble Gentn

And desire a Conference thereupon

This House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your Honours to the Bill intituled an Act to continue several Acts of the general Assembly of this Province have agreed to some and disagreed to others And therefore this House desire youl appoint a Committee of your House to join a Committee of this House in a Conferrence upon the Subject matter of the said amendments And if your Honors please to Join therein—you'l appoint your number time & place.

ORDERED, That Mr De Veaux do carry the said Message to the Council who returning reported the delivery thereof.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday ffebruary 24th 1759.

The House Met according to Adjournmt And then Adjourned 'till to morrow mornn: 10 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday Febry 26th 1759.

The House Met according to Adjournmt And then Adjourned 'till to morrow morn: 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday Febry 27th 1759.

A Message from the Council

Upper House of Assembly 27th Febry 1759.

Mr Speaker

The Council agree to the Conference upon the amendm'ts to the Market Act

In answer to your Message dated the 23d Instant this House do agree to the Conferrence you desire on the subject matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill intituled an Act to amend the Markett Act in the room Adjoining the Council Chamber immediately—

Committee

The Honourable { James Habersham / William Knox } Esquires

ORDERED, That Mr Ottolenghe Mr Ewen & Mr Milledge be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council

upon the subject matter of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act to amend the Markett Act.

They went accordingly and being returned Reported, that they had agreed to the amendments made to the said Bill.

The said Report being read a second time was agreed to by the House.

A Message from the Council—

Upper House of Assembly, 27th ffebruary 1759.

Mr Speaker

And to a Conference upon the amendm'ts to the Bill to continue several Acts—

In answer to your Message dated 23d instant This House do agree to the Conferrence you desire on the Subject matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill intituled an Act to continue several Acts of the general Assembly of this Province in the room Adjoining the Council chamber immediately.

Committee

The Honourable { James Edward Powell / Francis Harris } Esqrs

ORDERED, That Mr DeVeaux & Mr Jones and Mr Elliott be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Council upon the Subject matter of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intitled an Act to continue several Acts of the general Assembly of this Province

Committee appoint'd to draw up an Address to his Excellency to Congratulate him on the publication of his Commission

RESOLVED, That an humble Address of this House be prepared to be presented to the Governor to Congratulate his Excellency upon the Publication of His Commission of Captain general & Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia—

ORDERED, That Mr Yonge do draw up and prepare an Address upon the said Resolution.

Mr Yonge appointed to draw up an Address to his Excellency the Governor, to congratulate him upon the Publication of his Excellency's Commission of Captain general and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia Reported, that he had drawn up an Address accordingly wch he was ready to Report And he read the same in his place, & afterwards deliver'd it in at the Clerk's table where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House

ORDERED, That the said Address be ingrossed and entered in the Journals as follows.

GEORGIA — To his Excellency Henry Ellis Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia

May it Please your Excellency.

The Address

The commons House of Assembly of this Province beg leave to offer your Excellency their most cordial Congratulations upon your Publishing the last Commission which the King has been graciously pleas'd to Honour you with — Sir we have the deepest and most gratefull Sense of his Majesty's Goodness to this Colony, and we exceedingly admire the Royal Wisdom and Justice in promoteing your Excellency to the high post of Captain general and Governor in Chief of this Important frontier Province as a reward for the eminent Services you have rendered it — And as an Approbation of your mild & moderate Administration of Government We have only to Assure you Sir upon this Occasion that we greatly rejoice at an Event that Affords us a Prospect of your Excellencys continueing long to Preside over Us, Acting upon those upright principles and exerting those

acknowledged Abilities to which we unquestionably owe our present Quiet happiness and prosperity—

ORDERED, That Mr Speaker do sign the same—

ORDERED, That Mr Yonge & Mr De Veaux do attend his Excellency and acquaint him that the House have an Address to present to his Excellency & desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by the House for that purpose—

The said Gentlemen accordingly withdrew and being return'd Mr Yonge Reported, to the House that Mr De Veaux and himself had pursuant to ordr attended the Governor and delivered the Message to his Excellency and that his Excellency had been pleased to say that he would be ready to receive the House with their Address at half an hour after Eleven °Clock—

The House present their Address.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the House went to attend the Governor & being returned Mr Speaker Reported that the house had attended his Excellency and Presented their Address to which he had been pleased to give the following answer—

Gentlemen

His Excellencys Answer

The sense you have of his Majesty's Goodness to this Colony is extremely proper; and tho' the opinion you are pleased to conceive of me abundantly exceeds what I deserve, yet I am greatly Oblig'd to you for it

I can tru'ly affirm, I have the welfare of this Province very much at heart; and, that I desire no longer to preside over so worthy a People, than whilst their happiness and Prosperity, shall prove the rectitude and propriety of my measures—

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning 9 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday Feby 28° 1759.

The Tax Bill presented and read the first time.

The Bill intituled an Act for raising and granting to his Majesty the sum of Eight hundred and twenty Pounds five shillings and one half penny to defray the expence of holding the Courts of Oyer & Terminer & some other expences of Government, being presented according to order—the same was received and read the first time and Order'd to be read a second time—

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Bill to prevent Masters of Vessells from carrying off Persons in debt in this Province with some amendmts.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk—That they have agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent Masters of Vessells from carrying of Persons indebted in this Province with some amendments to wch amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Report of the Committee of Conference upon ye amendmts. made to the Bill to Continue sevll. Acts—

M^{r} De Veaux from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the Council in a Conferrence on the Amendments made to the Bill to continue severall Acts of the General Assembly of this Province Reported that your Committee did not agree with the Committee of the Council upon their Amendments to the said Bill

The said Report being taken into consideration by the House.

RESOLVED That this House do agree to the amendments made by the Council to the said Bill.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Council—

Commons House of Assembly.

Honble Gentlemen.

A Message to the Council

Upon Report of the Committee of Conferrence respecting the amendments made by your House to the

Bill intituled an Act to continue severall Acts of the general Assembly of this Province This House doth agree to your amendments.

ORDERED, That Mr Milledge do carry the same to the Council who returning Reported the delivery thereof

And then the House Adjourned till four °Clock in the afternoon

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Wednesday afternoon—

The house disagree to some amendmts made to the Bill for preventing Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in debt.

The House taking into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent Masters of Vessells from carrying of Persons indebted in this Province agreed to some and disagreed to others—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday March 1st 1759.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Council.

Commons House of Assembly

Honble Gent^n^

and desire a Conference thereupon

This House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your Honours to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent Masters of Vessells from Carrying off Persons in Debt from this Province have agreed to some and disagreed to others and therefore this House desire

youl please to appoint a Committee of your House to Join a Committee of this House in a Conferrence upon the subject matter of the said amendments, and if your Honours please to Join therein the House desire you'l appoint your number time and place.

ORDERED That Mr Francis do carry the said Message who returning Reported the delivery thereof—

The Tax Bill read a second time and Committeed.

The Bill intituled an Act for raising and for Granting to his Majesty the sum of Eight hundred and twenty pounds five shillings and a half penny to defray the expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and some other expences of Government was read a second time and Ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED That this House do immediately resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the said Bill.

The House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Yonge Reported from the Committee that they had made some Progress therein, And that he was directed by the said Committee to move for leave to sit again—

RESOLVED, that this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Bill to morrow morning—

A Message from the Council—

Upper House of Assembly 1st March 1759.

Mr Speaker

The Council agree to a Conference upon the amendm'ts made to the Bill to prevent Mast'rs of Vessells carrying off Persons in debt

In answer to your Message of this Day this House do agree to the Conferrence you desire on the Subject matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent Masters of Vessells carrying off Persons in debt from this Province in the room Adjoining the Council chamber at four °Clock this afternoon—

Committee

The Honourable { James Habersham, William Knox, James Edwd Powell } Esqrs

Committee appointed

ORDERED, That Mr Ottolenghé Mr De Veaux Mr Jones and Mr Rasberry be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Council upon the Subject matter of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent Masters of Vessells from carrying off Persons in Debt from this Province.

The Council agree to the Bill for preventing the stealing horses &c. with some amendm'ts.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk That they have agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the more Effectual discovery and punishment of said Persons as shall unlawfully Brand, Mark or Kill the same with some amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday March 2d 1759.

Report of the Committee of Conference on the amendm'ts made to to the (sic) Bill to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying of Persons in debt

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the Council in a Conferrence on the Subject matter of the amendments made to the Bill Intituled an Act to prevent Masters of Vessells from carrying off Persons in debt from this Province Reported, that the Committee had agreed to the amendments made by the Council to the said Bill after some Alterations

The Report being read a second time was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly 2d March 1759.

Honble Gentn

A Message to the Council

Upon Report of the Committee of Conferrence respecting the amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in Debt from this Province. This House doth agree with their Committee in the alterations made in the said amendments.

ORDERED That Mr Keefer do carry the said Message who returning Reported, the delivery thereof—

The House resolve into a Committee further to consider of the Tax Bill.

The Order of the Day being read the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the Bill Intituled an Act for raising & granting to his Majesty the sum of Eight hundred and twenty Pounds five shillings and a half penny to defray

the expence of Holding the Courts of Oyer & Terminer and some other expences of Government, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Yonge Reported from the said Committee that they had made some further Progress therein & that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Bill to morrow morning.

And then the House Adjourned till four °Clock in the afternoon—

Friday afternoon

The House Met according to Adjournment And then Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Saturday March 3d 1759.

The House consider'd further of the said Bill.

The Order of the Day being read the House resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the Bill intituled an Act for raising and granting to His Majesty the sum of Eight hundred and Twenty pounds five shillings and a half penny, to defray the expence of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and some other expences of Government and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Yonge Reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill & made several amend-

ments thereto which he was directed to Report when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED That the said Report be now made.

and agreed to the same with the amendm'ts.

Then Mr Yonge in his place read the same and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerk's table where the amendments being again read were agreed to by the House.

And Ordered the same to be ingrossed.

ORDERED, that the Bill with the amendments be ingrossed

A Message from the Governor by the Clerk of the Council

That His Excellency requires the attendance of this House immediately in the Council Chamber—

A Message from the Govr. requiring the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the House attended his Excellency and being return'd Mr Speaker Reported, that the House had attended the Governor And that himself and the House had taken the Oaths of Allegiance, Supremacy, and Abjuration and made and Subscribed the Test.

The Council agree to the Bill for preventing Wooden Chimnies wth some amendm'ts.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk—That they have agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent the Building Wooden Chimnies in the Town of Savannah The Repair of those already Built and to provide against accidents of Fire wth some amendments to which amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House—

And then the House Adjourned 'till Monday Morning 10 °Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday March 5° 1759.

The Council Agree to Constable Bill with some amendments.

A Message from the Council by their Clerk—That they have agreed to the Bill Intituled an Act for establishing the Method of choosing constables—Ascertaining the Qualifications of Persons to serve in that Office and to point out the Duties attending the same with some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

And then the House Adjourned 'till 3 °Clock in the afternoon.

Monday afternoon.

The house agree to ye amendm'ts made to the Bill for preventing Stealing of horses &ca.

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent Stealing Horses and neat Cattle and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully Brand, Mark, or Kill the same to which the House agreed—

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly March 5th 1759.

Honble Gent^n^

This House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent Stealing Horses and neat Cattle and for the more Effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully Brand, Mark, or Kill the same, to which amendments this House agrees

ORDERED, That Mr Yonge do carry the said Message

The house agree to the amendm'ts made to the Bill for preventing the Building Wooden Chimnies &c.

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent the Building of Wooden Chimnies in the Town of Savannah the Repair of those already Built, and to provide against Accidents of fire to which the House agreed.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Council.

Commons House of Assembly March 5° 1759

Honble Gentlemen

This House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your house to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent the Building Wooden Chimnies in the Town of Savannah, The Repair of those already Built & to provide against accidents of Fire have agreed to the same.

ORDERED, That Mr Yonge do carry the sd Message.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday March 6th 1759.

The house disagree to some amendments made to the Constables Bill

The house having taken into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act for establishing the Method of choosing Constables Ascertaining the Qualifications of Persons to serve in that Office and to point out the Duties attending the same have agreed to some and disagreed to others.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Council.

Commons House of Assembly March 6. 1759.

Honb[le] Gentlemen.

and desire a conference thereupon

This House having taken into Consideration the amendments made by your Honours to the Bill intituled an Act for establishing the Method of choosing Constables Ascertaining the Qualifications of Persons to serve in that Office and to point out the Duties attending the same have agreed to some & disagreed to others And therefore this House desire you'l please to appoint a Committee of your House to Join a Committee of this House in a Conference upon the subject matter of the said amendments and if your Honours please to Join therein the House desire you'l appoint your number time and place

ORDERED, That M[r] Keefer do carry the said Message who returning Reported the delivery thereof.

The Tax Act read the third time & Passed.

The Bill intituled an Act for raising and granting to his Majesty the Sum of Eight hundred and twenty Pounds five shillings and a half penny to defray the expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer & some other expences of Government was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, That M[r] Jones do carry up the same to the Council, & desire their Concurrence.

The house agreed to the amendmts made to the ffence Bill

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act for the better regulating Fences in the Province of Georgia and to repeal the former Act to which the House agreed—

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly March 6th 1759.

Honble Gentlemen.

This House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled an Act for the better regulating ffences in the Province of Georgia and to repeal the former Act have agreed to the same

ORDERED, That Mr Jones do carry the said Message.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Wednesday March 17th 1759.

Mr. Yonge Reports the delivery of several Messages to the Council

Mr Yonge who was Order'd to carry the Message to the Council, dated the 5th instant, That this House had agreed to the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent Stealing Horses and neat Cattle and the more Effectual discovery and Punishment of such Persons who shall unlawfully Brand, Mark or kill the same, And likewise a Message of the same Date, that this House had agreed to the amendments made by the Council to the Bill Intituled an Act to prevent the Building Wooden Chimnies in the Town of Savannah the Repair of those already built and to provide against accidents of ffire Reported the delivery thereof.

Mr Keefer who was Ordered to carry a Message to

Mr. Keefer reports the delivery of a Message to the Council

the Council of the 6th instant desireing a Conferrence on the Bill intituled an Act for establishing the Method of choosing Constables Ascertaining the Qualifications of Persons to serve in that Office and to point out the Duties attending the same Reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. Jones Reports the delivery of a Bill & a Message to the Council

Mr Jones who was Ordered to carry the Bill to the Council Intituled an Act for raising & granting to His Majesty the sum of Eight hundred & twenty Pounds five shillings and a half penny to defray the expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer & other expences of Government, And likewise a Message dated the 6th instant that this House had agreed to the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act for the better regulating Fences in the Province of Georgia and to repeal the former Act Reported the delivery thereof.

A Message from ye Council that they agree to ye Bill for regulating Taverns &c a and the Election Bill wth. some amendmts

A Message from the Council by their Clerke. That they have agreed to the Bill intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and retailors of Spirituous Liquors and to repeal the former Act with some amendments— And likewise that they had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen members of the said House, and for limitting the time of their sitting with some amendments to each of them, to which amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House

A Message from the Council—

Upper House of Assembly 7th March 1759.

Mr Speaker

In answer to your Message dated the 6th Instant this

A Message from the Council that they agree to a Conference on the amendments made to ye Constables Bill.

House do agree to the Conferrence you desire on the subject matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill intituled an Act for establishing the Method of choosing Constables Ascertaining the Qualifications of Persons to serve in that Office & to point out the Duties attending the same in the room adjoining the Council Chamber at four °Clock this afternoon.

Committee

The Honourable { William Knox / Ja^s Edwd Powell } Esq^rs

Committee of Conference appointed

ORDERED, That M^r DeVeaux, Mr Ottolenghe & Mr Elliott be a Committee to Join a Comittee of the Council in a Conferrence on the subject matter of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill Intituled an Act for establishing the Method of choosing Constables Ascertaining the Qualifications of Persons to serve in that Office and to point out the duties attending the same—

The house agreed to the amendmts made to the Bill for regulating Taverns

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns, Punch Houses, and retailors of Spirituous Liquors and to repeal the former Act, to which the House agreed.

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Council.

Commons House of Assembly March 7th 1759.

Honb^le Gentlemen.

This House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses

and Retailors of Spirituous Liquors and to repeal the former Act have agreed to the same.

ORDERED That Mr Francis do carry the said Message.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Thursday March 8th 1759.

The house disagree to some amendments made to ye Election Bill

The House taking into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen Members of the said House & for limitting the time of their sitting agreed to some and disagreed to others.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly March 8. 1759.

Honble Gentlemen.

And desire a Conference

This House having taken into consideration the amendments made by your Honours to the Bill intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner and fform of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen Members of the said House and for limitting the time of their sitting have agreed to some and disagreed to others And therefore this House desire you'l please to appoint a Committee of your House to join a Committee of this

House in a Conferrence upon the Subject matter of the said amendments and if your Honours please to Join therein, this House desire you'l appoint your number time and place.

ORDERED, That Mr Morell do carry the said Message, who returning Reported the Delivery thereof.

A Message from the Council.

Upper House of Assembly March 8th 1759

Mr Speaker

weh. the Council agree to

In answer to your Message from this date this House do agree to the Conferrence you desire on the subject matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner and fform of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly and to point out who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen Members of the said House and for limitting the time of their sitting In the room Adjoining the Council Chamber immediately.

Committee are

The Honourable { James Habersham, Francis Harriss—, James Edwd Powell } Esqrs

Committee of Conference appointed

ORDERED, that Mr Francis, Mr Morell, Mr Milledge and Mr Rasberry be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Council in a Conferrence on the Subject matter of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner and fform of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be capable of Choosing or being chosen Mem-

bers of the said House and for limitting the time of their sitting.

The Committee Report that ye Committee of the Council had Orders not to recede from their amendments.

Mr Francis from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the Council in a Conferrence upon the subject matter of the amendments made by the Council to the Bill Intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner and fform of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be capable of Choosing or being chosen Members of the said House and for limitting the time of their sitting Reported that the Committee of the Council had orders from their House not to recede from their amendments.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow morning Nine °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Friday March 9th 1759.

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council in a Conferrence on the amendments made to the Bill Intitled an Act for establishing the Method of choosing Constables Ascertaining the Qualifications of persons to serve in that office and to point out the duties attending the same Reported that the Committee of the Council had receded from some of their amendments & agreed to others proposed by the Committee of this House—

The Report being read a second time was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly March 9th 1759.

Honourable Gentlemen.

The house agree to the amendments made to the Constables Bill.

Upon report of the Committee of Conferrence respecting the amendments made by your House to the Bill Intituled an Act for Establishing the Method of choosing Constables Ascertaining the Qualifications of Persons to serve in that Office and to point out the Duties attending the same This House doth agree with their Committee in the Alterations made in the said amendments.

ORDERED, That Mr Mackintosh do carry the said Message who returning Reported the delivery thereof.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly March 9th 1759.

Honble Gentn

The house desire a further Conference on the Election Bill.

Upon report of the Committee of Conferrence respecting the amendments made by your House to the Bill Intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner and fform of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen Members of the said House and for limitting the time of their sitting This House doth agree to all your said amendments except the Last clause, therefore this House desire your Honours will Join them in a free Conferrence upon the subject matter of the said Clause proposed by your House & if your Honours please to Join therein you'l appoint your time & place.

ORDERED, That Mr Keefer do carry the said Message who returning Reported the Delivery thereof.

A Message from the Council that they have agreed to the Tax Bill—

A Message from the Council by their Clerk— That they have agreed to the Bill Intituled an Act for raising and granting to his Majesty the sum of Eight hundred and twenty Pounds five Shillings and a half penny to defray the Expences of holding the Courts of Oyer & Terminer and some other expences of Government without any amendments.

A Message from the Council

Upper House of Assembly 9th March 1759.

Mr Speaker.

a Message from the Council that they agree to the Conference desired on the Election Bill

In answer to your Message of this Date this House do agree to the free Conferrence you desire on the Subject matter of the last clause and amendments made by this House to the Bill intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly & to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen Members of the said House and for limitting the time of their sitting in the room Adjoining the Council Chamber at 4 °Clock this afternoon—

And then the House Adjourned 'till four °Clock in the afternoon

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Friday Afternoon—

Mr. Ottolenghe Reports the Council have receded from the last clause of the Election Bill

The House being Met adjourned, and Mr Speaker with the House went to Join the Council in a free Conferrence on the Subject matter of the last Clause of the Bill Intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen

Members of the said House & for limitting the time of their sitting and being return'd Mr Speaker took the Chair & Mr Ottolenghe Reported that the Council had receded from the said Clause.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

.. Saturday March 10th 1759.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Govr by Mr Yonge & Mr Ewen.

To His Excellency Henry Ellis Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Georgia.

May it Please your Excellency.

The House desire his Excellency to grant them a short recess from Business—

The commons House of Assembly beg the favour of your Excellency to grant them a recess for a Short time from the Business of the Publick 'till the severall bills prepared for your Excellency's perusual (sic) & Assent are ingrossed & Examined.

His Excellency's Answer.

The above Gentlemen withdrew & being return'd Mr Yonge Reported that they had waited on His Excellency & that His Excellency was pleased to say he would send an Adjournment on Monday or tuesday next.

And then the House Adjourned 'till Monday Morning 10 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday March 12th 1759.

The house resolve that proper Marks be fixt in the River Savannah for the direction of Pilots

RESOLVED That some proper Beacons & Landmark's be fixt in the most necessary places of the River Savannah for the Assistance of the Pilots in the better Navigateing Vessells to and from the Port of Savannah.

Twenty Pounds Voted to defray the Expences thereof

RESOLVED That a Vote of Credit for Twenty Pounds be given by this House to His Excellency the Governor for defraying the said Expence, and that this House at their next meeting will provide for the payment of the same.

RESOLVED That the following Message be sent to the Council acquainting them with the resolutions of this House and to desire their Concurrence thereto—

Commons House of Assembly March 12th 1759.

Honble Gentlemen.

a Message to the Council concerning the same

This house have thought it expedient that proper Beacons and Land Marks should be fixt in the most necessary places of the River Savannah for the Assistance of the Pilots in Navigateing Vessells to and from this Port of Savannah, And have resolved to acquaint his Excellency the Governor that this House have agreed to give him a Vote of Credit for Twenty Pounds to defray the expence and further to require the favour of his Excellency to recommend the execution thereof to the Commissioners of Tybee Light House— To which this House desire the Concurrence of your House, & that you will be pleased to Join us in an Address to his Excellency for that purpose

ORDERED That Mr Yonge do carry the same to the Council who returning Reported the delivery thereof

A Message from the Council

Upper House of Assembly 12th March 1759.

Mr Speaker

Councils answer

In answer to your Message of this Date, this House do concurr with your House in the resolutions of giving his Excellency the Governor a Vote of Credit for Twenty Pounds Stg to defray the expence of fixing Beacons and Land Marks in the most necessary places of Savannah River for the Assistance of Pilots in Navigateing Vessells to and from the Port of Savannah And have appointed a Committee to Join a Committee of your House in drawing up an Address to be presented to his Excellency acquainting him with the sd resolution and requesting the favour of his Excellency to recommend the execution thereof, to the Commissioners of Tybee Light House.

ORDERED, That Mr DeVeaux, Mr Ottolenghé and Mr Rasberry be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Council to draw up the said Address—

A Message from the Governor requireing the attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately.

The Election Bill presented to his Excy. for his Assent.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the House attended his Excellency and Mr Speaker presented for his Excellency's Assent the Bill intituled an Act to Ascertain the manner and fform of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be capable of choosing or being chosen Members of the said House and for limitting the time of their sitting And being return'd Mr

Mr. Speaker reports his Excy. was pleas'd to say he wou'd consider of that Bill—

Speaker took the Chair and Reported that he had delivered the Bill to his Excellency And that his Excellency was pleased to say he would consider thereof—

The house resolve that an Address be presented to his Excy. requesting that if his instructions wont permit him to Assent to the Election Bill that he will be pleased to recommend the same for ye Royal Approbation or Dissolve the House in 3 years from ye date of the Writs.

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented by this house to his Excellency the Govr requesting the favour of him, if his instructions will not Permitt him to give his Assent to the Election Bill that he will be pleased to Transmitt and recommend the same to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations for his Majesty's information, & that if the Royal Approbation is not signified to His Excellency before the expiration of three Years from the Date of the Writs for calling this present Assembly That he will be pleased to Dissolve this this (sic) House.

Committee appointed to draw up the Address

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address upon the said Resolution, And that Mr Elliott, Mr Morell Mr Yonge, Mr Ewen, & Mr Mackintosh be the said Committee—

Mr Elliott from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to His Excellency, Reported that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly which they had directed him to Report to the House, And he read the same in his place and afterwards deliver'd it in at the Clerks Table where the same was read and agreed to by the House and is as follows Viz^t—

To His Excellency Henry Ellis Esquire Captain general and Governor in Chief of the Province of Georgia.

The humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly—

May it Please your Excellency.

The Address.

His Majesty's dutifull and Loyal Subjects the Commons House of Assembly beg leave to represent to your

Excellency the insupportable hardship we Labour under from the unlimitted duration of our service in Assembly.

We have with the Concurrence of the other Branch of the Legislature passed a Bill to Limitt the setting of Assembly's and to Add some Members to those parts of the Province which have considerably encreased and improved since the first distribution of Members were made and as your Excellency has been pleased upon our presenting the said Bill to acquaint us that you would take the same into consideration— If y^r Excellency's instructions should prevent Assent to this usefull and Necessary Bill— We hope you are perswaded that what we aim at is a regulation Enjoyed by all our fellow Subjects in the Neighbouring Provinces That our long attendance from remote and distant parts of this Frontier Province was inconvenient and detrimentall to our interest, And that it will also remove all occasions of reflection by giving others a share in the Administration of Publick Affairs— We are therefore encouraged to Address your Excellency That you will be pleased to transmit and recommend the said Bill to the Right honourable the Lords of Trade and Plantations for his Majesty's information: Whom we humbly hope will out of his Paternal regard for his faithful People of this Province be graciously pleased to grant so necessary a Priviledge.

We do unfeignedly assure y^r Excellency That we think our selves extreamly happy under the very kind and friendly Administration of your Government and we really have with the greatest Satisfaction done every thing in our power to serve the Publick, in conjunction with the other Branches of the Legislature and to Demonstrate our Gratitude and profound Loyalty to the best of kings. nor should we now desire to be Discharged from pursueing those laudable designs but for the rea-

sons before urged which leads us further to Address your Excellency: That this present Assembly may be released from the Publick service by your Dissolving this House at the expiration of three Years from the date of the Writs by which we were called. If the Royal approbation of the Election Bill is not before signified to your Excellency.

This House are next to return your Excellency their sincere thanks for the very disinterested Steps you have ever taken for the real essential benefit and prosperity of this Province To express the pleasing Sense We have of your Excellencys approbation of our Conduct under your Governmen[t] And to Assure you Sir that we hope every future Assembly will co operate with you in perfecting the Views we are perswaded your Excellency is aiming at, Those of Demonstrating our Importance to our Mother Country & our improvement in the Valuable branches of Trade and Agriculture which we at present have a Pleasing prospect of succeeding in.

ORDERED, That M[r] Jones & M[r] Milledge do waite on his Excellency the Governor and acquaint him that the House have an Address to present to His Excellency & desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by the House for that purpose.

The said Gentlemen accordingly withdrew and being returned M[r] Jones Reported, that M[r] Milledge & himself had pursuant to order attended the Governor and delivered the Message to His Excellency and that His Excellency had been pleased to say that he would be ready to receive the house with their Address at one °Clock.

The House present the same.

And accordingly M[r] Speaker with the House attended his Excellency the Governor with their Address and

being returned Mr Speaker took the Chair and Reported that the house had attended his Excellency with their Address, who had been pleased to answer he would consider of it.

His Excellency's Answer.

Mr DeVeaux from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the Council in drawing up an Address to the Governor Reported that they had prepared an Address accordingly which he was directed by the Committee to Report to this House, And he read the same in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table where the same was read and agreed to by the House. and is as follows Vizt

To His Excellency Henry Ellis Esquire Captain general & Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Georgia—

May it Please your Excellency.

Address of both houses to his Excellency concerning the fixing Beacons in the River Savannah

Both Houses of Assembly having taken into consideration the Difficulties attending the Navigation to and from the Town of Savannah oweing to the want of proper Beacons and Land Marks to point out the Shoals in the River Savannah have come to a resolution to grant to his Majesty the Sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling for the Purposes of Erecting Beacons & Land Marks in the said River which sum we shall provide a proper fund for at our sitting.

We therefore pray your Excellency to impower the Commissioners appointed for carrying into execution an Act of this present general Assembly intituled an Act for appointing Commissioners to repair and secure the foundation of the Light House on Tybee Island to lay out and expend the said sum agreeable to the said Resolutions.

ORDERED That Mr Rasberry do acquaint the Council that this House have agreed to the Address prepared by a Committee of both Houses to his Excellency upon the resolutions to give a Vote of Credit to grant to His Majesty the sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling for the purposes of Erecting Beacons and Land Marks in the River Savannah and to request the favour of His Excellency to impower the Commissioners of the Light House to lay out & expend the said Sum agreeable to the said Resolution.

ORDERED That Mr Yonge & Mr Milledge be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Council to waite upon the Governor wth the sd Address

Mr Yonge from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the Council to waite on the Governor with the Address; returning— Reported that his Excellency was pleased to Say— That he was pleased with the said Determination of both Houses of Assembly, That His Excellency woud find some means to Advance the sum allow'd for the purpose of erecting the said Beacons & Land Marks 'till the Assembly could provide for it, And that he would recommend the execution of the same to the Commissioners of the Light House.

His Excellency's answer—

Committee appointed to examine the Bills prepared for his Excys. Assent.

ORDERED, That Mr Yonge & Mr DeVeaux be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Council to examine the several Bills prepared by both Houses for his Excellencys Assent

Committee appointed to Examine the Minutes of the House

ORDERED, That Mr Ottolenghe Mr Jones & Mr Ewen be a Committee to Examine and settle the Minutes & Journals of this House,

A Message from the Governor.

GEORGIA

I do hereby adjourn the commons House of Assembly

The House Adjourned 'till 26th March

of this Province until Monday the 26th Instant: then to meet for the dispatch of Business, And it is hereby Adjourned accordingly

Given under my hand at Savannah
this 12th day of March 1759

HENRY ELLIS

To the Members of the
Commons House of Assembly.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Monday March 26th 1759.

The House Met

The House Met according to Adjournment And then Adjourned 'till to morrow morning 10 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 37.)

Tuesday March 27th 1759.

The House attend his Excy. in the Council Chamber & his Excy. Assents to several Bills

A Message from the Governor, That this House do attend his Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber accordingly Mr Speaker with the House attended his Excellency where he was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, namely.

A Bill intituled an Act for Erecting a Publick Magazine

A Bill intituled an Act for reducing the interest of Money.

A Bill intituled an Act to prevent the Building of Wooden Chimnies in the Town of Savannah, the Repair

of those already Built and to provide against accidents of Fire.

A Bill intituled an Act for the better regulating Fences in the Province off (sic) Georgia—

A Bill Intituled an Act for the repair of Christ Church in the Town of Savannah.

A Bill Intituled an Act to impower the Commissioners of the general Loan to stamp imprint Sign and pay into the hands of his Majesty's Treasurer the further sum of Seven hundred Ninety nine Pounds Eight shillings & Eleven pence in Sterling Bills of Credit to defray the expence of repairing the Church in Savannah, for building a Publick Magazine in the said Town of Savannah for securing the Light House on Tybee Island & to make good a Defficiency of the last Publick Tax destroyed by an Accident of Fire.

A Bill intituled an Act to explain and amend an Act Intituled an Act for better regulating the Markett in the Town of Savannah.

A Bill intituled an Act for regulating the Watch in the Town of Savannah.

A Bill intituled an Act for appointing Commissioners to repair and secure the foundation of the Light House on Tybee Island.

A Bill intituled an Act to continue several Acts of the General Assembly.

A Bill intituled an Act to prevent Masters of Vessells from Carrying off Persons in Debt from this Province

A Bill intituled an Act for establishing the Method of Choosing Constables, Ascertaining the Qualifications of

Persons to serve in that Office and to point out the duties attending the same.

A Bill intituled an Act to prevent the stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle, & for the more Effectual Discovery and Punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully Brand, Mark, or Kill the same.

A Bill intituled an Act for raising and granting to his Majesty the sum of Eight hundred & twenty Pounds five shillings & one half penny St^{g} to defray the Expences of holding the Courts of Oyer & Terminer & other expences of Governm^{t}

A Bill intituled an Act for better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and Retailors of Spirtuous Liquors.

The House resolve that such Acts of Assembly of this Province as His Excellency shall think fit be Printed

RESOLVED, That such Acts of the general Assembly of this Province as shall appear to his Excellency the Govr most immediately necessary be printed in such manner as his Excellency shall think proper

A Message from the Governor

GEORGIA

The House Adjourn'd to the ffifth of June

I do hereby adjourn the commons House of Assembly until Tuesday the ffifth day of June next ensueing and it is hereby Adjourn'd accordingly

Given under my Hand the 27th day of March 1759.

HENRY ELLIS

To the Members of the Commons House of Assembly.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the first Session of the Third General Assembly of the said Province, convened at the Town of Savannah the Eighteenth day of August in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty, by His Excellency Henry Ellis Esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province aforesaid and Vice Admiral of the same.

A true Copy, taken from the
Original, and Examined by

THO^s BURRINGTON Clerk of the
Commons House
of Assembly

GEORGIA

A true Copy taken from the
Original examined ℔

JAMES WHITEFIELD D. Sec^y

GEORGIA

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the first Session of the third General Assembly of the said Province convened at the Town of Savannah the Eighteenth day of August in the Year of Our Lord 1760 by his Excellency Henry Ellis Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province aforesaid and Vice Admiral of the same.

The following Members being met pursuant to the several Writs of Election and Returns, namely

Members of Assembly.

Joseph Ottolenghe, Grey Elliott, Joseph Gibbons, Lewis Johnson — Esquires, for the Town and Dis- of Savannah in the Parish of Christ Church

William Gibbons Esquire, for the Village of Acton in the Parish of Christ Church.

Edmund Tannatt Esquire, for Vernonburgh in the Parish of Christ Church.

Henry Yonge Esquire, for the Sea Islands.

John Graham Esquire for Augusta and Parish of Saint Paul.

Elisha Butler, John Maxwell — Esquires, for the Parish of Saint Phillip

John Winn, Parmenas Way, Thomas Carter — Esquires, for the Parish of Saint John.

Alexander Wylly, James Whitefield — Esquires, for the Parish of Saint George.

William Francis Esquire, for Goshen and Abercorn in the Parish of S[t] Matthew.

William Ewen, James Deveaux — Esquires, for the Town and District of Ebenezer in the Parish of Saint Matthew.

James Read Esquire, for Little Ogechee in the Parish of Christ Church.

They attend the Govr. & take ye Oaths

They attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber where they took the Oaths and made and subscribed

the Declaration and took and Subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration pursuant to the Acts of Parliament made for those purposes, and being return'd the said Gentlemen took their Seats as Members of the Assembly.

and their Seats

They chuse a Speaker

RESOLVED that Grey Elliott Esquire be Speaker of this House.

Message to the Governor

ORDERED that a Message be sent to the Governor to acquaint him that this House had made choice of a Speaker and desire to know when he will be pleased that the House shall attend His Excellency in Order to present their Speaker for His Excellency's Approbation and that Mr Deveaux do attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber with the said Message.

His Excellency's Answer

The Speaker elect with the House attend the Govr.

The Speaker presented and approved.

Mr Deveaux attended His Excellency accordingly and being returned reported that he had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber and delivered the Message to His Excellency and that His Excellency had desired him to acquaint the House for Answer thereto that he is now ready to receive the House *with the Speaker* whom they intend to present for his Approbation And then Mr Speaker Elect with the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber and being returned Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber where the Gentlemen whom the House had appointed for that purpose presented their Speaker to the Governor for his Approbation and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve of him And Mr Speaker desired His Excellency that he would please to grant to this House the usual and accustomed Priviledges of a British House of Representatives in His Majesty's Plantations to which His Excellency had been pleased to answer that he wou'd grant this House every Priviledge heretofore enjoyed by any Assembly of this Province. Mr Speaker, also re-

House adjourned

ported that His Excellency had been pleased to Adjourn this House to Tuesday the twenty fifth day of November next.

And then the House Adjourned 'till Tuesday the Twenty fifth day of November next—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Monday October 13th 1760.

The House meet according to Proclamacon

The House met according to Proclamation.

RESOLVED, that Eleven Members, including the Speaker shall make a House

RESOLVED, that Five Members shall adjourn the House, and have Liberty to send for absent Members

Committee of Priviledges and Elections appointed—

ORDERED that a Committee of Priviledges and Elections be appointed, and a Committee was appointed accordingly of the following Gentlemen, namely, Mr Graham Mr Ottolenghe Mr Johnson Mr Tannatt Mr Carter Mr Maxwell and Mr Deveaux, and they have Power to send for Persons Papers and Records.

Committee to prepare Rules

ORDERED, that Mr Tannatt Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Johnson be a Committee to draw up and prepare Rules for the Regulation and Government of this House.

Two Members return'd take the Oaths & their Seats.

Lachlan Mack Gillivray and Lachlan Mackintosh Esquires were returned by Writs, that is to say Lachlan Mack Gillivray Esquire for Augusta and Parish of Saint Paul and Lachlan Mackintosh Esquire for Frederica and Parish of Saint James, and waited on his Excellency in the Council Chamber and took and subscribed the Oaths

of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Oath of Abjuration and made and subscribed the Declaration, and being returned took their seats as Members of the Assembly.

Message from His Excellency

A Message from his Excellency by the Clerk of the Council.

Mr Speaker,

His Excellency desires the attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately.

The House attend His Excellency

Then Mr Speaker with the whole House attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber, and being returned Mr Speaker reported that they had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber where His Excellency had been pleased to make an Affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly, of which to prevent mistakes he had procured a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as followeth, vizt

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the Commons House of Assembly

His Excellency's Speech

His Majesty having been graciously pleased to grant me His Royal Licence for returning to Europe, and appointed the Honourable James Wright Lieutenant Governor of this Province, I have called you together to inform you thereof, and at the same time to return both Houses of Assembly my very sincere and hearty Acknowledgment for the great Assistance they have afforded me in carrying on the Kings Service and the Business of (sic) Colony during the whole course of my Administration.

Possessed as I am with the most grateful Sense of this and every other Obligation conferred on me by the good People of Georgia, they may be perfectly assured of my best Wishes and most zealous endeavours upon all Occa-

sions to promote whatever may contribute to their Happiness and the Welfare of the Province.

HENRY ELLIS

Motion being made that an humble Address of Thanks be presented to His Excellency for his Speech the same was Resolved accordingly.

Committee appointed to prepare an Address.

ORDERED, that Mr Graham Mr Tannatt Mr Johnson Mr Mack Gillivray and Mr Deveaux be a Committee to prepare the same.

ORDERED, that His Excellency's Speech be referred to the said Committee.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Tuesday October the 14th 1760.

Report of the Committee to prepare Rules.

Mr Tannatt reported from the Committee appointed to prepare Rules for the Regulation of this House that the Committee had prepared Rules accordingly which they had directed him to report to the House when the House wou'd please to receive the same.

ORDERED, that the said report be now made. Then Mr Tannatt read the Rules in his Place and afterward delivered them in at the Table where the same were again read and agreed to by the House, and are as follows, Vizt

Rules. I. That the Assembly be suppos'd not met except the Speaker be present.

II. That every Member meet precisely at the time appointed, and if any Member comes not 'till fifteen Minutes af-

ter the Hour the House was Adjourned to meet at he is to pay Six pence but every Member that comes not at all and makes not his just Excuse is to pay Two Shillings for every Days absence.

III. No Member may depart the House on any Pretence without leave of the House first had and obtained by the Speaker.

IV. That every Bill before it pass be read three times with it's amendments.

V. That no Bill be read more than once in the same Day except in Cases of Emergency.

VI. That no Bill having the same Title of a Bill brought in and rejected can be brought in the same Session.

VII. No private Bill shall be brought into this House until the House be informed of the Matter therein contained by Petition to this House for leave to bring in such Bill: And that when any Committee shall be appointed on a private Bill, Notice thereof be affixed on the Doors of this House fourteen Days before the meeting of the said Committee.

VIII. That the Speaker when he speaks to the House is always to stand up, and that the Speaker be not allowed to persuade or dissuade in any Debate or in passing of a Bill, only to make a short Narrative of the Bill opening the parts of it so that all may understand it: If any Question be put upon the Bill he is to explain but not to enter into Argument or Dispute and he is not to Vote except the House be equally divided. When Mr Speaker desires to speak he is to be heard without Interruption, and when the Speaker stands up the Member standing up is to sit down. If two stands up to speak, he that was up first is to be first heard which is to be determined by Mr Speaker.

No Member is to be taken down unless by Mr Speaker in such cases as the House do not think fit to admit, and if any Person speak impertinently or besides the Question, the Speaker is to interrupt him and know the Pleasure of the House whether he shall be further heard.

IX. The Speaker is not to adjourn the House or do any thing else as the Mouth of the House without the Consent of the House first had, excepting the ordinary things about Bills.

X. Every Member that makes a Motion or speaks is to stand up and address himself to the Speaker, and is not to name the members of the House commonly by their Names but the Gentleman that spoke last or other Note of Distinction.

XI. That no Member speak more than twice in the House to any Bill at any one time of reading or to any other Proposition or Motion without special leave of the House.

XII. That when a Question hath been entirely put by the Speaker no Member is to speak to the Question before Voting.

XIII. No member shall move for an Amendment without specifying such Amendment.

XIV. The Members are not to remove out of their Places without just cause to the Hindrance of Business and Disorder of the House.

XV. That all Persons that will Question any Return of a Member or Members are to do it within fourteen Days next after and so within fourteen days next after any new return shall be brought in.

XVI. To prevent any Misunderstanding in the House no Person shall be liable to answer for a Motion made or Words

spoken in the House, unless it be immediately before the House adjourns itself.

XVII. That the Speaker appoint the Committee with the Approbation of the House, and if any Dispute arise the Committee shall be ballotted for by the House the Member that made the Motion or proposed and the Member that seconded it being always two of that Committee.

XVIII. That at a Committee any member tho' not of the Committee is not excluded from coming in and speaking but can not vote.

XIX. That none are to speak at a Conference but those that are of the Committee.

XX That when any Report is made from a Committee, all the members of that Committee are to stand up.

XXI. That no Member shall make a noise or Disturbance when a member is speaking.

XXII. That the Speaker by Order of the House shall issue his Warrant to take into Custody and confine such Members or other Persons as misbehave themselves.

XXIII. That any Person in Custody or under Censure of the House be not otherwise admitted than by Petition, Members of the House excepted, who are to have Admittance on the Application of another Member.

XXIV. That all Persons taken into Custody pay the Messenger five shillings and Clerk two shillings and six pence each day such Person shall remain in Custody, and one shilling a Mile for every Mile he is brought to the House.

XXV That if any Member shall treat with Contempt or Disobedience any Order of this House or Warrant sent to

him he shall be proceeded against with the utmost Severity.

XXVI. That no Door Keeper or Messenger attending this House do presume to come or stay within the Doors of this House when sitting, except ordered so to do.

XXVII. That the Minutes be first entred in a Book and the Minutes of the Day be read before an Adjournment be made, and the Minutes of the preceeding day shall be read before any Business be gone upon, and the Minutes of the Week being entred fair in another Book shall be read every Monday Morning before any other Business be introduced.

XXVIII. No Order or Resolution shall be entred by the Clerk till the Speaker first obtain the Assent of the House.

XXIX. That if any Member of the House depart this Province without the leave of the House when actually sitting or having had leave do not return within the time limitted by such leave shall be fined at the Discretion of the House.

RESOLVED that the foregoing Rules be the standing Rules and Orders of this House and that no standing Rule or Order be altered or new Rule or Order agreed to the same day it be proposed.

Committee appointed to settle ffees.

ORDERED that the Committee who were appointed to prepare the foregoing Rules be a Committee to settle the Fees of the Officers of this House and that they do report the same

Committee appointed to inquire what Acts are expired.

A motion being made that a Committee be appointed to enquire what Acts of General Assembly of this Province are expired or near expiring.

ORDERED, that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Ewen and Mr Whitefield be a Committee for that purpose.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to examine into the State of the Province.

Committee appointed to examine the State of the Province

ORDERED that Mr Tannat, Mr Ottolenghe Mr Ewen Mr Mackintosh Mr Mack Gillivray Mr Maxwell and Mr Winn be a Committee for that purpose and that they havé power to send for persons papers and Records

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Wednesday October 15th 1760

Report of Committee to prepare Address.

Mr Graham from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency reported that they had prepared one accordingly which they had directed him to report to the House when the House wou'd be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED that the said Report be now made Then Mr Graham in his place read the same and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read by the Clerk.

Motion being made that the said Address be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Address referr'd to Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Address into Consideration.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly

and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee reported that they had gone through part of the said Address and made some amendments and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED that this House will resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Address at three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Then the House adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Wednesday Afternoon

The House resolv'd itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Address to His Excellency, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ottolenghe from the said Committee reported that they had gone through the said Address and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House wou'd be pleas'd to receive the same.

Address with Amendments agreed to.

ORDERED that the said report be now made Then Mr Ottolenghe in his place read the same and afterwards delivered the Address with the Amendments in at the Table where the same being again read by the Clerk were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordd. to be ngrossed.

ORDERED that the Address with the Amendments be engrossed.

And then the House adjourned 'till to morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Thursday 16th October 1760

The Address to his Excellency being engrossed according to Order was read to the House in the following words Viz[t]

Address.

To His Excellency Henry Ellis Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly.

May it please Your Excellency,

We His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons House of Assembly in General Assembly met, beg leave to return Your Excellency our unfeigned Thanks for your affectionate Speech delivered to both Houses at the Opening of this Session in which you are pleased to acquaint us with your having obtained His Majesty's Royal Licence to return to Europe, and the Appointment of the Honourable James Wright Esquire, (a Gentleman of known good Character and distinguished Abilities) to be Lieutenant Governour of this Province.

The Prospect of Your Excellency's being so speedily to leave us gives us the greatest Concern especially as it happens at so critical a Conjuncture when a steady Adherence to those wise and prudent Measures Your Excellency has so invariably followed in the Management of Indian Affairs, and the Influence you have over these People seem still so necessary for preserving that Friendship with them, on which in our weak and defenceless State the very being of the Province depends.

When Your Excellency first arrived amongst us, Your Character afforded us the most happy Presage of future prosperity and tho' it is extremely rare to have such sanguine Hopes as we fondly indulg'd on that Occasion realized, yet we can with truth and it is with great pleasure, we declare the Event has fully answered our warmest Expectations.

By your great Abilities, unwearied assiduity and disinterested Zeal for the true and lasting Interests of this Province have our unhappy Divisions been healed Public Tranquility restored and that Harmony and Unanimity between the several Branches of the Legislature maintained on which the Authority peace and prosperity of Government so necessarily depend. And the prudence of Your Excellency during the Course and in every Branch of your Administration has been such as loudly calls for the most grateful Acknowledgements of a People to whose Well-Being and Happiness you have so greatly contributed. No other proof need be required than the amazing difference of the present state of this Province from that in which you found it the most certain and convincing Evidence of the just and wise Steps you have so steadily pursued.

The many important Advantages that have arose to us from such uniform and equitable Conduct we shall ever retain the most grateful sense of and they must distinguish Your Excellency's Name to our latest Posterity, who will justly have reason to look upon any future good that may happen them as the happy Consequence of the Foundation you have laid for their welfare.

Permit us therefore Sir as the Representatives of the People to make you our most sincere and cordial Acknowledgements, to wish you every Felicity you can desire, and to hope that those Efforts you have so effectually

made to promote the good of this Province, may be rewarded with the most distinguishing Marks of His Majesty's Royal Favour: And lastly give us leave to thank you for the obliging assurances you are pleased to make us of the Continuance of your Regard for Georgia.

Signed by the Speaker.

ORDERED, that Mr Speaker do Sign the said Address; and he signed the same accordingly.

RESOLVED, that the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

Message to the Governor.

ORDERED, that Mr Deveaux and Mr Joseph Gibbons do wait on His Excellency and acquaint him that this House having an Address to present to His Excellency, desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended therewith.

Henry Yonge Esquire a Member of this House moved to be indulged with leave of Absence to settle some affairs of extraordinary Consequence to him in England.

Leave of Absence given Mr. Yonge

ORDERED, that the said Mr Yonge have leave of Absence for twelve Months.

And then the House Adjourned 'till three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Thursday Afternoon

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

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Mr Deveaux and Mr Gibbons who were ordered to wait on His Excellency and acquaint him that this House had

an Address to present to His Excellency and desire to know when he wou'd be pleased to be attended therewith, being returned Mr Deveaux reported that Mr Gibbons and himself had waited on His Excellency according to order and delivered the message, and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he shou'd be ready to receive the House with their Address at eleven of the Clock this Forenoon.

The House attend the Govr. with Address.

Mr Speaker with the House went to attend His Excellency, and being returned, Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency and presented their Address, to which His Excellency had been pleased to give the following Answer

Gentlemen,

Governor's Answer.

Accept of my sincere and hearty Thanks for this obliging Testimony of your Esteem and Approbation which makes me very happy, for I must needs consider your Sentiments as those of the People who have lately made so worthy a Choice of you for their Representatives. Hitherto I have thought my self strongly bound in duty, hereafter I shall think myself equally bound in gratitude, to do the Colony every Service in my Power.

Leave of Absence given to seval Members.

ORDERED that Mr Way and Mr Winn have leave of absence from the Service of this House 'till Monday next twelve o'Clock.

ORDERED that Mr Mackintosh have leave to go into the Country upon extraordinary occasions for four Weeks

Undue excon. of Writ of Eleccon. for St. Andrew.

Mr Speaker informed the House that the Writ for the Election of Representatives for the Parish of Saint Andrew was not duly executed for that the Indenture was not executed at the time of the Election and return'd with the Writ but was sent by the Provost Marshal into the Country to be executed some days after the Election.

Referr'd to the Committee of Priviledges and Elections.

ORDERED that this matter be referred to the Committee of Priviledges and Elections and that they do enquire into the same and make their report thereupon to the House.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Saturday October the 18th 1760.

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till Monday Morning Eleven of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Monday October the 20th 1760

The House met according to adjournment and then Adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Tuesday October the 21st 1760

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Wednesday October the 22nd 1760

A Message from His Excellency by Charles Watson Esqr Master in Chancery.

Gentlemen,

Message from the Governor.

I now adjourn the Commons House of Assembly until Monday the third day of next Month when you are to meet for the Dispatch of Business, and you are hereby adjourned accordingly.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of October 1760

HENRY ELLIS.

To the Members of the
Commons House of Assembly.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Monday November the 3rd 1760

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Tuesday November the 4th 1760

Two Members returned take the Oaths & their Seats.

Noble Wimberly Jones and Edward Barnard Esquires were returned by Writs that is to say Noble Wimberly Jones for the Town and District of Ebenezer in the Parish of St Matthew and Edward Barnard for the Town and District of Augusta in the Parish of St Paul, and waited on His Honor James Wright Esquire the Lieutennant Governor in the Council Chamber and took and subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Oath of Abjuration and made and subscribed the Declaration, and being returned took their Seats as Members of this House.

Motion being made that the fifteenth Rule or Order

Mocon for Amendmt. to 15th Rule.

of this House vizt "That all Persons that will Question any Return of a Member or Members are to do it within fourteen days next after, and so within fourteen days next after any new Return shall be brought in." have the following Explanation and Amendment, vizt That all days of Prorogation be not deemed or considered as any part of the time within the meaning of the above Rule.

RESOLVED, that this House will take the said Explanation and Amendments into Consideration To-Morrow Morning.

Mocon for a Bill for reviving and amending the Attachmt. Act.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for reviving and amending the Attachment Act of this Province, lately expired.

Committee appointed to prepare same.

ORDERED that Mr Johnson Mr Graham and Mr Ottolenghe be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House Adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Wednesday November the 5th 1760

House agree to the Amendmt. of 15th Rule

The House took into Consideration the Amendm^t moved to be made to the fifteenth Rule or Order for the Regulation of this House according to the Resolution of Yesterday, and agreed thereunto.

A Message from his Honor by the Master in Chancery

Mr Speaker,

Message from His Honor the Lieutt. Govr.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor desires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately

The House attend the Govr.

Then Mr Speaker with the whole House attended His Honor in the Council Chamber and being returned Mr Speaker reported that they had attended His Honor in the Council Chamber where His Honor had been pleased to make an affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly of which to prevent mistakes he had procured a Coppy, which he read to the House and is as followeth

Gentlemen of the Council,

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly

His Honor's Speech.

His Majesty having been pleased to permit His Excellency Governor Ellis to return to Great-Britain and to Honor me with the appointment of Lieutenant Governor of this Province, the Administration is now on His Excellency's departure devolved upon me, I am not insensible of the Merit and Abilities of that Gentleman and consequently of the Disadvantages I may be under in succeeding him

But let me assure you Gentlemen that I shall with the utmost Diligence and Integrity discharge my Duty to His Majesty and consistent with that will at all times and in every respect with very great Sincerity endeavour to promote the true Interest and Prosperity of this Province in the Pursuit of which I am well persuaded I shall always meet with the Approbation and Aid of all worthy Men and true Lovers of their Country, and therefore cannot fail of your candid Assistance.

The very short time that I have been amongst you Gentlemen has not been sufficient for me to acquire that knowledge of the State and Condition of the Province necessary to enable me to suggest to you ever (sic) Circumstance that may be proper for your present Consid-

eration, and which might have made a further Adjournment convenient.

But there is one object which is very striking and which requires our immediate attention, I mean the Dangers this Province in general is exposed to from the Creek Indians, the yet defenceless Condition of the Town and the necessity of putting it into some better state of Security by finishing the Works already begun and erecting such other within the Lines and elsewhere as may appear necessary for that End: For altho' a great deal is already done yet much is still wanting and a supply of proper Gunns and Amunition for the Block Houses and Small Forts in order to render the several Works effectual and therefore I have thought it expedient to continue your sitting at this time.

From our Situation and Circumstances our Plan must chiefly be that of Security and Defence and altho the very great Success with which it hath pleased God to bless the Arms of our most Gracious Sovereign in the North part of this Continent is a most interesting and important event in general and to us in particular as it gives us Sanguine Hopes that this Southern Frontier will very speedily be strengthened, yet Gentlemen let us not be wanting to our selves, let us act as becomes us and every Consideration every View in which we see our present Circumstances must incite us to exert our utmost Efforts at this Critical Conjuncture

The Success of the Cherokees against our Sister Colony which the Savages well know to be populous Rich and Powerful has greatly extended its Influence amongst our Neighbours the Creeks and made them most insolent and daring, but I trust those dangers that we are exposed to from thence will animate us and convince us how necessary it is to be vigilant, to be active.

Gentlemen,

From your usual and well known Zeal for his Majesty's Service and readiness on all occasions to promote the welfare of this Province I doubt not but you will chearfully concur with me and make such Provision as shall be sufficient for the immediate Execution of these salutary measures on which the safety and Tranquility of this Province so much depends. I must likewise recommend to your Consideration the condition of the Light House on Tybee Island and also what Laws are near expiring and may require an immediate Continuance

JA. WRIGHT
5th Novr 1760

Motion being made that His Honors Speech be immediately referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House and the Question being put the same was resolved accordingly

Referr'd to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House resolved into such Committee and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ottolenghe from the said Committee reported that they had taken His Honours Speech into Consideration and were of Opinion that an humble Address of Thanks be presented to His Honor for his Speech

RESOLVED that an humble Address of Thanks be presented to His Honor for his affectionate Speech

Committee appointed to prepare Address.

ORDERED, that Mr Tannatt Mr Whitefield Mr Butler Mr Francis and Mr Jones be a Committee to prepare the same

Leave of Absence given Mr. Barnard

ORDERED, that Edward Barnard Esqr a Member of this House have Leave to go into the Country for two Months upon very extraordinary Occasions.

Call of the House order'd.

ORDERED that this House be called over on next Monday Se'nnight the seventeenth day of this Instant November

And then the House adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Thursday November the 6th 1760

Report of Committee to draw Address.

Mr Tannatt reported from the Committee appointed Yesterday to draw up an Address to His Honor that the Committee had prepared one accordingly which they had directed him to report to the House when the House wou'd be pleased to receive the same

ORDERED that the said report be now made. Then Mr Tannatt in his place read the same and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read by the Clerk.

Motion being made that the said Address be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House,

Referr'd to Committee of ye whole House

The House resolved into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair Mr Deveaux from the Committee reported that they had taken the Address to His Honor into Consideration and gone through the same and made several amendments thereunto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will be pleased to receive the same

Rept. of the Committee.

ORDERED that the said report be now made. Then Mr Deveaux in his place read the same and afterwards delivered the Address with the amendments in at the Table

where the same being again read by the Clerk were severally agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the said Address with the Amendments be ingrossed

The Address to His Honor being ingrossed according to Order was read to the House in the following Words.

Address to His Honor.

To His Honor James Wright Esquire Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it Plaese Your Honor,

We His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons House of Assembly in General Assembly met beg leave to return Your Honour our unfeigned thanks for your affectionate Speech to both Houses. We are with Your Honor thoroughly sensible of the great Merit and Abilities of our late Governor whose Services we shall ever remember with Gratitude. At the same time we beg leave to offer His Majesty our most sincere Acknowledgements for this further Proof of his constant Attention to the welfare of this Province by the appointment of a Gentleman to preside over us whose Integrity and Uprightness joyned with solid sense and sound Judgment made him long esteemed in our neighboring Province. Such inestimable Qualities and Abilities certain we are cannot but tend to make us a happy and flourishing People.

The Danger this Province in general is exposed to from the Creek Indians demands our greatest Attention and maturest Deliberation to secure us against those Savages, and we promise our selves that nothing on our

part Sir will be wanting to re-establish that Peace and Tranquility with those People which may be conducive to again settle the back parts of this Province and carry on that valuable Trade which must largely contribute to extend our Commerce and Provincial Influence with the Indians in general.

We agree with Your Honor that the insolent and daring behaviour of the Creek Indians is partly owing to the success of the Cherokees against our Neighbors and partly to the weak and defenceless State of the Province too well known to them. A State which only leaves to our Choice a Plan of Defence and Security so justly recommended by Your Honor, and which we shall with pleasure concur with you in pursuing as we do in hoping that the success with which it hath pleased God to bless His Majesty's Arms to the Northward may be the Means of speedy Assistance being afforded this much exposed and Frontier Province

The urgent Necessity of finishing the works already begun for the Security of the Province and the repairing of Tybee Light House loudly call for immediate Supplies, on the other hand the abilities of our Constituents will not allow us to grant so much as may be perhaps required for these Ends, the large tho' insufficient Sums they have already raised Considered. However we assure Your Honor we shall as far as we possibly can make provision for them. And we shall pay the utmost attention to what Your Honor is pleased to recommend to us in regard to the Laws of this Province.

Signed. ORDERED that Mr Speaker do sign the said Address and he Signed the same accordingly—

RESOLVED that the said Address be presented to His Honor by the whole House.

ORDERED that Mr Tannatt and Mr Jones do wait on His Honor and acquaint him that this House having an Address to present desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended therewith, who returning reported that His Honor was pleased to say to Morrow Morning.

And then the House adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Fryday November the 7th 1760

The House attend His Honor with Address.

Mr Speaker with the House went to attend His Honor with their Address and being returned Mr Speaker reported that they had attended His Honor and presented their Address, to which his Honor had been pleased to give the following Answer—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

His Honor's Answer

Your very obliging Address demands my most grateful Acknowledgements. It cannot but be pleasing to me to find that my Appointment to this Government is so agreeable to you and you may depend that nothing shall be wanting on my part which can tend to re-establish Peace with the Indians or be conducive to resettling the Back Parts of this Province or to promote it's Trade and the Happiness of the People.

JA: WRIGHT

7th Novr 1760.

Committee appointed to examine ye State of the Light House.

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Ewen Mr Tannatt Mr Way and Mr Winn be a Committee to examine into the present state and condition of the Light House and make an Estimate of the Expence of repairing and Securing the same and report the same to the House.

Committee appointed to examine the State of the Fortifications.

ORDERED that Doctor Johnson Mr Ottolenghe Mr Gibbons Mr Ewen and Mr McGillivray be a Committee to examine the present state of the Fortifications of the Town of Savannah and what other Works may be necessary for the Defence of the said Town, and make an Estimate of the Expence of compleating thereof, and report the same to the House.

Members directed to examine the State of ye seval Forts within their Districts.

ORDERED that the Members of this House residing in the several Districts of this Province do examine the State and Condition of the Forts within their respective Districts and report the same to the House and also what may be further necessary for compleating the same and the Expence thereof.

And then the House adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Saturday November the 8th 1760.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Monday November the 10th 1760.

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Tuesday November the 11th 1760

Report of Committee to examine the State of the ffortifications of Savannah.

Doctor Johnson from the Committee appointed to examine the present State of the Fortifications of the Town of Savannah and what other Works might be necessary for the proper Defence of the said Town and make an Estimate of the expence of compleating the same, reported that the Committee had reviewed the present State of the Fortifications round Savannah and were of Opinion that to render the Town Defensible it wou'd be necessary to finish the Works already begun and to add four New Block Houses Two upon the South Line, one upon the West and another upon the East Line, of the same construction with those already begun upon the South Line, and that the whole Expence of carrying this Plan into Execution will amount to £365 .. 19 .. 4½ and that to finish the Works already begun without adding any New Ones would require the Sum of £125 .. 0 .. 0.

Report of the Committee to examine what Acts are expir'd or near expiring.

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to examine what Acts of this Province are expired or near expiring reported that the Act for the better securing the Payment and more easy Recovery of Debts due from any Person not residing in this Province by Attaching their Estate Personal if any such they have in this Province expired on the 8th Day of February 1759. That the Act to continue and amend an Act for regulating the Militia of this Province and for the Security and better Defence of the same will expire the 24th January 1761. That it appears to the Committee that several wholesome and necessary Laws that have been enacted for the good Government of this Province are become useless and of none Effect by their not being Published, and that the Committee are of Opinion that such Laws shou'd be

made publick by Printing them or by some other Method which this House shall think Proper.

Commissioners of ye Light House and Magazine ord'd to lay their Acc'ts before the House.

Motion being made that the Commissioners of Fortifications for the Town of Savannah the Commissioners for securing the Foundation of the Light House on Tybee Island and the Commissioners for Building a Magazine in the Town of Savannah be ordered to lay their respective Accounts before this House.

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do issue Orders to the said Commissioners respectively to lay their Accounts before this House.

Vote of Credit.

RESOLVED that a Vote of Credit for a Sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty Pounds be given by this House to His Honor the Governor for finishing the Block Houses already begun round the Town of Savannah and the other Fortifications yet unfinish'd

Motion being made that such Sum not exceeding One Hundred and fifty Pounds as may be necessary for finishing the said Works may be applied and laid out by the Commissioners of Fortifications for the Town of Savannah the same was resolved accordingly.

ORDERED that the following message be sent to His Honor by Mr Butler and Mr Tannatt

May it Please Your Honor,

Message to the Governor.

The Commons House of Assembly having taken into Consideration the necessity of immediately finishing the Works begun for the Defence of the Town of Savannah have come to a Resolution to give a Vote of Credit for a Sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty Pounds for that purpose to be applyed and laid out by the Commissioners of Fortifications for the said Town and therefore

pray Your Honor to give Directions to the Commissioners to carry the same into Execution.

And then the House Adjourned 'till To Morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Wednesday November ye 12th 1760

His Honor's Ans'r

Mr Tannatt reported that himself and Mr Butler had waited on His Honor the Governor with the Message of Yesterday according to Order and that His Honor was pleased to say he wou'd give Directions accordingly.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill to continue the several Militia Laws of this Province.

ORDERED that Mr Ewen Mr Butler Mr Francis Mr Tannatt and Mr Way be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for erecting by Subscription a Goal in the Town of Augusta in the Parish of Saint Paul.

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for erecting a Goal at Augusta

ORDERED that Mr Mack Gillivray Mr Graham and Mr Whitefield be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House Adjourned 'till To Morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Thursday November the 13th 1760

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning nine o'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Friday November the 14th 1760

Rept. of Committee to examine the State of the Light House.

Mr Tannatt from the Committee appointed to examine the present state and Condition of the Light House and make an Estimate of the Expence of repairing and securing the same, reported that they had with some Carpenters viewed and examined the same, and found that the Flagg-Staff is Splintered, so that it is not able to bear Flag and the Newel Post split from top to bottom and so much shattered that great part of the Stairs are carried away. Part of the Frame on the North East Square is decayed and some of (sic) Posts that support the Stair Case are rotten One of the Interduces is almost Burnt through and about two feet of one of the Studds burnt off, and the Flooring in that Story wants repairing. Several Weather Boards are wanting and others much decayed, and there are some other small repairs necessary

RESOLVED that it is the opinion of the Committee that in order to repair effectually the Light House the Flag Staff together with the Roof must be taken down and the Newel Post must be entirely taken down and a new one put in it's stead, that the Stair Case must be entirely taken down and rebuilt, that the Interduce must be taken out and a new one put in it's place, and the Stud spliced and that the Weather boarding ought to be repaired immediately to prevent further decay of the Light House.

That the Committee having made an Estimate are of Opinion that the Expence of the said Repairs cannot amount to less than One hundred and Sixty Pounds Sterling.

The Committee were also of Opinion that a Cannon a Six Pounder or one heavier Mettal ought to be placed at the Light House to preven (sic) Vessels from coming in or going out if Necessary and to fire Alarms and give Signals to Vessels on the Coast in foggy Weather.

Motion being made that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said report into Consideration.

RESOLVED that this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said report into Consideration.

Committee of the whole House take ye sd. Report into Consideracon & agree thereto.

The House resolved itself into such Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Whitefield from the Committee reported that they had taken the said report into Consideration and agreed thereto.

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with the Committee to the said report.

Motion being made that the Committee to examine the State of the Light House do immediately Advertise in the most public place in Savannah that all Carpenters willing to undertake the repairing of the Light House do give in their proposals in writing in Six days and in case no satisfactory proposals are given in in that time that Advertisement be made in the South Carolina Gazette for any Workmen in that Province to give in their proposals in one Month.

Advertisements ordered.

ORDERED that the said Committee do make out Advertisements accordingly.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to morrow Morning nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Saturday November the 15th 1760

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Monday November the 17th 1760

A Member return'd takes ye Oaths & his Seat.

ORDERED that Mr Deveaux and Mr Willm Gibbons do attend Robert Baillie Esqr returned Member for the Parish of Saint Andrew to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor in order to his taking the Necessary Oaths to qualify him for a Member of this House who being returned reported that he had taken the said Oaths and subscribed the Declaration, after which he took his seat.

Attachmt. Bill read ye first Time

Mr Johnson from the Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for subjecting and making liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or power of any Person or Persons within this Province reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow Morning.

Bill for continuing seval Militia Acts read first Time.

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for continuing in Force the several Acts for regulating the Militia of this Province reported that they had prepared the same which was received and read the first

time and ordered to be read again the second Tuesday in January next.

Letter from Mr. McIntosh read.

A letter being laid before the House by Mr Speaker from Lachlan McIntosh Esqr a Member of this House to excuse his absence

RESOLVED that the said Letter is not a sufficient Excuse

Leave of Absence given Mr. Jones.

ORDERED that leave of absence be given to Noble Wimberly Jones Esqr a Member of this House for one Month.

House called over.

The Order of the day being read for a Call of thi House on this day, the House was called over accordingly.

And then the House adjourned 'till To-Morrow morning nine °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Tuesday November the 18th 1760

Attachmt. Act read 2d time & Committed.

The Bill for subjecting and making liable to attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province was read the second time and Committed.

RESOLVED that this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration.

The House resolved itself into such Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Johnson from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and

made some Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

Ingrossed

ORDERED that the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Committee appointed to consider Ways and Means to raise a Sum to carry on Block Houses &c.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to consider of ways and means to raise a sufficient Sum to carry on the Block Houses already begun and erect others around the Town of Savannah and for compleating the other Fortifications in the different Districts of this Province and also for repairing the Light House on Tybee Island.

ORDERED that Mr Johnson Mr Graham Mr Deveaux Mr Butler and Mr Carter be a Committee for that purpose.

The Members directed to examine ye State of ye fforts within their Districts order'd to make their Rep'ts—

ORDERED that the Members of this House residing in the several Districts of this Province who were ordered to examine the State and Condition of the Fortifications within their respective Districts and report the same to the House and also what may be further necessary for compleating the same and the Expence thereof, do now make their Reports to this House.

Rep't of ye Representatives of St. Philip's parish.

The Representatives of the Parish of St Phillip reported according to order that they had examined the State and Condition of the Fort in that Parish and found the Stockade Work never compleated which the Parishoners will finish themselves and not put the Publick to that expence. That upon consulting the Commissioners appointed to build that Fort they are of opinion that at least six Swivel Gunns are necessary with proper Store of Ammunition to make it Defensible and therefore the

Parishoners hope they shall be assisted with the Sum of Twenty five Pounds towards purchasing such Gunns and Ammunition.

The Commissioners of ye Light House ord'd to lay their Acc'ts before ye House.

The Commissioners for Securing the Foundation of the Light House on Tybee Island presented their Accounts to the House according to Order, and the same were Ordered to lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

And then the House Adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Wednesday November the 19th 1760

Mr Wylly informed the House that he had lately seen at Charles Town in South Carolina John Holmes Esqr one of the Representatives returned by Writ for the Parish of Saint Andrew in this Province who acquainted him that he did not intend to qualify himself to be a Member of this House and had intirely quitted this Province

The Gov'r address'd for a Writ to elect a Representative in ye Room of Jno. Holmes Esqr.

Motion being made that an Address be presented to his Honor the Governor to desire he will be pleased to give Directions for the issuing a Writ to Elect a Member to serve in General Assembly in the room of John Holmes Esqr he having declared his Resolution not to attend the Service of this House.

RESOLVED that such Address be presented to his Honor

The said Address being drawn up, Ordered that Mr Graham and Mr Wylly do attend His Honor therewith

who returning reported the delivery thereof, and that His Honor was pleased to say he wou'd give Directions accordingly.

The Attachmt. Bill read the 3d time

The ingrossed Bill for subjecting and making liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province was read the third time

and passed.

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that Mr Deveaux do carry up the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto

And then the House Adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Thursday November the 20th 1760

Rept. of the Representatives of ye Parish of St. John.

The Representatives of the Parish of Saint John reported according to Order that they had examined into the State and Condition of the Fortifications within that Parish and found that to render the Fort at Sunbury defensible there are two half Bastions wanting that the other three already begun are not near finish'd, that there are wanting ten Carriage Gunns with Carriages and a sufficient Quantity of Ammunition. That they are of Opinion that to put the said Fort in a proper State of Defence, the Expence will not amount to less than One hundred and fifty Pounds.

That to put the Fort at Saint Johns in a proper State of Defence, it is requisite that it be provided with two Swivel Gunns and Carriages for four Cannon and a sufficient Quantity of Ammunition which will require a Sum not less than fifty Pounds

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill to oblige the Provost Marshal of this Province to give Security for such Monies as may come to his hands in the Course of the Execution of his Office.

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to oblige the Provost Marshal to give Security

ORDERED that Mr Read Mr Tannatt and Mr Whitefield be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The Govr. addressed to use his Interest with ye Lords of Trade concerning the Application of ye Yamacraw Money.

Motion being made that an Address be presented to His Honor the Governor to use his Interest with the Lords of Trade that the Money that hath arisen from the Sale of the Land on Yammacraw Bluff near the Town of Savannah may be appropiated (sic) to the use of the Province and be laid out in Negroes to be employed in carrying on and supporting the Fortifications and other Publick Works in this Province.

RESOLVED that such Address be presented to His Honor.

ORDERED that Doctor Johnson and Mr Read be a Committee to prepare the same.

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intitled an Act for better regulating the Town of Savannah and ascertaining the Common thereto belonging.

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for better regulating ye Town of Savannah.

ORDERED that Mr Tannatt Mr Joseph Gibbons and Mr Read be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Rept. of ye Representative of St. Andrew's parish.

The Representative for the Parish of Saint Andrew reported according to Order that he had examined the State and Condition of the Forts within that Parish. That by reason of the extensiveness of that Parish the Commissioners had at the request of the Parishoners begun to build two Forts one upon South Newport and the other at Darien, which are not above half finished.

That besides providing Gunns Powder and Ball it will require not less than two hundred Pounds to put that Frontier Parish in a proper State of Defence, exclusive of what is necessary to finish His Majesty's Fort now Building at Barrington in the same Parish.

Rept. of Comittee to prepare Address to his Honor concern the Yamacraw Money.

Doctor Johnson from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Honor to desire he wou'd be pleased to use his Interest with the Honourable Board of Trade that they may intercede with his most Gracious (sic) that the Money which hath arisen from the sale of the Land to the Westward of the Town of Savannah commonly known by the name of Yammacraw Bluff may be appropriated to the use of this Province and laid out in Negroes to be employed in carrying on and keeping in repair the Fortifications and other Publick Works, reported they had prepared one accordingly which they had directed him to report to the House when the House wou'd be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED that the said Report be now made.

Then Doctor Johnson in his place read the same and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED that the said Address be ingrossed.

The Address being ingrossed according to Order.

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do Sign the same and he signed the same accordingly

ORDERED that Dr Johnson and Mr Read do wait on his Honor and present the said Address

The said Gentlemen withdrew and being returned Doctor Johnson reported that they had delivered the Address to His Honor who was pleased to say he wou'd

give attention thereto, as he thought the Measure recommended highly necessary and proper

Rept. of the Representatives of the Parish of St. George.

The Representatives of the Parish of St George reported to the House according to Order that they had examined the State and Condition of the Fort within that Parish and found that in order to render the same defensible it will require Six Swivel Gunns and Ammunition

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill to ascertain the manner of electing Members to represent the Province in General Assembly and also to ascertain the Qualifications of the Electors and Elected and the continuation of each Assembly

Committee appointed to prepare an Election Bill.

ORDERED that Mr Tannatt Mr Butler Mr Deveaux Mr Read and Doctor Johnson be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Commissioners of ffortifications present their Acc'ts.

Mr Deveaux one of the Commissioners of Fortifications for the Town of Savannah presented the Accounts of the said Commissioners to the House according to Order and the same were ordered to lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

Committee appointed to examine them.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to examine the Accounts of the Commissioners of Fortifications for the Town of Savannah the Accounts of the Commissioners for securing the Foundation of the Light House and the Accounts of the Commissioners for building a Magazine in the Town of Savannah.

ORDERED that Mr Tannatt Mr Whitefield and Mr Wylly be that Committee.

Rep't of the Representatives of St. Paul's parish.

The Representatives for the Parish of St Paul and District of Augusta reported to the House according to Order that they had examined the State of the Fortifi-

cations within that District and were of opinion that a Sum not less than Two hundred Pounds will be necessary to erect a Fort in Augusta sufficient to contain the Inhabitants in case of Emergency and to render it tenable, particularly as that District is more exposed to the Incursions of the Indians by its Situation than any other.

Their Rep't. & ye Rep'ts of ye other Members refer'd to ye Comittee of Ways and Means &c.

ORDERED that the said Report together with the other Reports of the Members ordered to examine the State of the Fortifications within their respective Districts, be referred to the Committee to Consider of ways and means to raise a sufficient Sum to carry on the Block Houses already begun and erect others around the Town of Savannah and compleat the other Forts in the different Districts of the Province and repair the Light House on Tybee Island.

And then the House Adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning ten o'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Friday November the 21st 1760

The Bill for amending the Act for better regulating Savannah read the first Time.

Mr Tannatt presented to the House according to Order a Bill intitled an Act for amending an Act intitled an Act for the better regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging, and the same was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The Bill to oblige the Provost Marshal to give Security read ye first time.

Mr Read presented to the House according to Order a Bill intitled an Act to oblige the Provost Marshal for the time being or his Lawful Deputy for the time being to give Security for such Sum or Sums of Money as may come into his or their hands by virtue of their Office and

the same was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Rept. of ye Comittee of ways & means to raise Money to carry on ye Block Houses &c

Doctor Johnson from the Committee to Consider of Ways and Means to raise a sufficient Sum of Money to carry on the Block Houses already begun and erect others round the Town of Savannah and compleat the other Forts in the different Districts of this Province and repair the Light House on Tybee Island, reported that they had come to several Resolutions which they had directed him to report to the House which he read in his Place and afterwards delivered in at the Table where the same were again read and are as follow, viz[t]

RESOLVED that it appears to the Committee that the Fund appropriated for building a Powder Magazine to wit, the Powder Money collected from Shipping will be discharged in June 1762. That this Fund produces about £50.. –.. – Sterling ℔ Annum which in three Years amounts to £150.. –.. –

RESOLVED that it is the opinion of the Committee that Certificates be immediately issued for £150 .. – Sterling for repairing the Light House which Certificates to be sunk by this Fund in the Years 1763, 1764 and 1765.

RESOLVED that it appears to the Committee from the several reports laid before them of the Sums granted for finishing the Publick Works in this Province that they will require a Sum not less than £1066.. –.. –..

RESOLVED that it is the opinion of the Committee that the several Parishes within this Province do pay half the Sums necessary for finishing their respective Forts to be raised by Assessment upon Lots in Towns and upon Lands and Slaves in the Country and that the other half of the Sums necessary for this Purpose be taken out of the General Tax.

RESOLVED that it is the opinion of the Committee that Certificates be immediately issued for such Sum as this House shall judge necessary for finishing the Publick Forts in this Province to be sunk by the aforesaid Funds in Five Years

Motion being made that the said Report be taken into Consideration by the whole House.

The House take the Rept. into Consideration

RESOLVED that this House will immediately take the said Report into Consideration.

The House took the Report into Consideration accordingly.

and agree to the two first Resolutions.

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committee in their two first Resolutions

Motion being made that the Sum of one Thousand and sixty six Pounds wou'd be too large a Sum to be allowed towards the finishing the Publick Forts in this Province, and another Motion being made that the Sum of five hundred and fifty Pounds be allowed for the finishing the said Forts, and a Debate arising thereon and the Question being put

550 £ granted towards finishing ye Publick fforts.

RESOLVED that the Sum of five hundred and fifty Pounds be granted towards finishing the Publick Forts in this Province.

RESOLVED that the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be allowed towards finishing the Fortifications of the Town of Savannah that the Sum of Seventy five Pounds be allowed towards finishing the Fortifications at Augusta, that the Sum of Twenty five Pounds be allowed towards finishing the Fort at Hallifax, that the Sum of One hundred and twenty Pounds be allowed towards finishing the Fortifications at Midway and Newport, that Eighty Pounds be allowed towards finishing the Fort at Darien,

that twenty five Pounds be allow'd towards finishing the Fort at Ebenezer and twenty five Pounds towards finishing the Fort at Great Ogechee

RESOLVED that this House will take the said report of the Committee to Consider of ways and Means to raise a sufficient Sum to carry on the Block Houses already begun and erect others round the Town of Savannah and compleat the other Forts in the different Districts of this Province and repair the Light House on Tybee Island into further Consideration on Wednesday Morning next.

And then the House Adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Saturday November the 22nd 1760

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten o'clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Monday November the 24th 1760

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Tuesday November the 25th 1760.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till To Morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Wednesday November the 26th 1760

The House took into further Consideration the Report of the Committee to Consider of Ways and means to raise a Sum sufficient to carry on the Block Houses already begun and erect others round the Town of Savannah and Compleating the other Forts in the different Districts of this Province and repairing the Light House on Tybee Island

The House disagree to ye Means proposed for finishing the Public fforts.

RESOLVED that this House doth not agree to the Ways and Means proposed by the said Committee for finishing the Publick Forts in this Province.

Motion being made that the Sum granted for finishing the Publick Forts in this Province be paid out of the General Tax and a Debate arising thereon and the Question being put it was carried in the Negative

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for granting to His Majesty a Duty and Imposition on Negroes, Liquors and other Merchandize for the use of the Publick of this Province

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for granting a Duty on Negroes &c.

ORDERED that Mr Deveaux Mr Maxwell Mr Baillie and Mr Winn be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House Adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Thursday November the 27th 1760

Proposals presented for repairing the Light House.

The Clerk presented to the House Proposals delivered him and Signed by James Anderson for repairing the Light House on Tybee Island, and the same being read were ordered to lye on the Table.

Petition of James Anderson.

A Petition of James Anderson was presented to the House and read setting forth That the Petitioner pursuant to Proclamation issued by His late Excellency Governor Reynolds for the apprehending several Felons that had broke from Prison and made their Escape from Savannah Goal, did apprehend and take David Dundass one of those Felons at least one hundred and twenty Miles from Savannah in the Month of April 1756 and brought the said Felon to Savannah That upon this Occasion the Petitioner expended the Sum of £1.. 19.. 8 and was also obliged to Hire two Men and Horses for which he hath not yet received any satisfaction and therefore praying the House to take Premises into Consideration and relieve the Petitioner in such Manner as to this House shall seem meet,

Ord'd. to lye on the Table.

ORDERED that the said Petition do lye upon the Table.

ORDERED that Mr Tannatt do carry the following Message to Council

Commons House of Assembly 27th Novr 1760.

Honourable Gentlemen,

Message to the Council.

This House having taken into Consideration the necessity of immediately finishing the Works round this Town already begun, and having come to a Resolution to provide a sufficient Sum for that purpose desire you wou'd

please to appoint a Committee to Confer with a Committee of this House about the proper Measures to execute these Purposes, the Power given by the late Act to the Commissioners therein named being expired and if Your Honors please to joyn therein this House desires you'll appoint your Number Time and Place.

A Message from the Council by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly 27th Novr 1760.

Mr Speaker

Their Answer

In Answer to your Message of this Day this House do agree to the Conference desired and have appointed a Committee to meet a Committee of your House at four o'Clock this Afternoon for that purpose in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber.

The Committee are

The Honorable { James Habersham, Noble Jones, William Knox } Esqrs

Committee of Conference.

ORDERED That Mr Wylly Mr Tannatt Mr Johnson Mr Joseph Gibbons and Mr Francis be a Committee to Confer with the Committee of the Council upon the proper Measures for immediately finising (sic) the Works round this Town already begun the Power given by the late Act to the Commissioners therein named being expired.

And then the House Adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning nine o'clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Friday November the 28th 1760.

Rep't of the Committee of Conference.

Mr Wylly from the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Council upon proper Measures for immediately finishing the Works round this Town already begun reported that the Committee of Conference were of opinion that Commissioners shou'd be appointed and impowered to employ Workmen and Purchase Materials for finishing the same and that both Houses shou'd engage to make good to the said Commissioners Two hundred Pounds Sterling to be applyed to the purposes aforesaid; which Sum to be taken out of the Produce of the next General Tax, or out of some other Sum equally sufficient.

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committee of Conference to the said report.

Commissioners for finishing of Works round Savannah appointed.

RESOLVED that James Deveaux Joseph Ottolenghe William Francis Lewis Johnson Edmund Tannatt James Read and Joseph Gibbons be Commissioners for finishing the Works already begun round the Town of Savannah and that they have power to employ Workmen and purchase Materials for those Purposes so far as the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds will go but no further, which Sum this House doth engage to raise out of the next General Tax or some other sufficient Fund.

The Bill for granting a Duty on Negros &c read ye first time.

Mr Deveaux from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for granting to His Majesty a Duty and Imposition on Negroes Liquors and other Merchandize for the Use of the Publick of this Province reported that they had prepared one and the same was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

ORDERED that Mr Tannatt do carry the following Message to the Council

Commons House of Assembly 28th Novr 1760

Honourable Gentlemen,

Message to the Council.

This House having taken into Consideration the Report made by the Committee of this House appointed to Confer with a Committee of your House upon proper Measures for immediately finishing the Fortifications round the Town of Savannah already begun hath come to the following Resolution, Vizt

RESOLVED That His Honor James Wright Esqr Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province be Superintendant and James Deveaux Lewis Johnson James Read Joseph Gibbons William Francis and Edmund Tannatt together with such Members of your House as you shall please to appoint or any five of them be Commissioners for finishing the Fortifications round the Town of Savannah and that the said Commissioners or any five of them shall have full power to Contract for and Purchase all such materials and to hire and employ all such Workmen and Labourers as they shall think necessary for the above Purpose And this House doth engage to make good to the said Commissioners a Sum not exceeding Ninety Pounds Sterling to be paid out of the Produce of the next General Tax or of some other sufficient Fund for the purpose aforesaid.

Message from the Council concern the Attachmt. Bill.

A Message from the Council by the Master in Chancery vizt That they had agreed to the Bill for subjecting and making liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province with some amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

A Message from the Council by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly 28th Novr 1760

Mr Speaker

Message from ye Council appointing Commrs. of ffortificaeons.

This House having taken into Consideration your Message of this Day and also the report of the Commit- of this House appointed to Confer with a Committee of your House on the Subject Matter of your Message of Yesterday have come to the following Resolution, Vizt

RESOLVED that the Honourable James Habersham Noble Jones James Edward Powell and William Knox Esqrs together with the several Commissioners nominated in the Message of the Commons House of Assembly, be Commissioners for finishing the Fortifications already begun round the Town of Savannah; And that the said Commissioners or any five of them have full Power to contract for and Purchase all such Materials and to hire and employ all such Workmen as they shall think necessary for those Purposes. And this House doth Concur with the Commons House in engaging to make good to the said Commissioners a Sum not exceeding Ninety Pounds Sterling to be paid out of the produce of the next General Tax or of some other sufficient Fund for the aforesaid Service.

The House take into Consn. ye Amendmts to the Attachmnt. Bill.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill for subjecting and making liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or power of any Person or Persons within this Province and agreed to some and disagreed to others

And then the House Adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Saturday November the 29th 1760

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Council by Mr Deveaux.

Honourable Gentlemen,

Message to the Council.

This House having taken into Consideration the Amendments made by your Honors to the Bill intitled an Act for Subjecting and making liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of Absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province have agreed to some and disagreed to others and therefore this House desire you will please appoint a Committee of your House to Joyn a Committee of this House in a Conference on the Subject Matter of the said Amendments, and if your Honors please to join therein this House desires you'll appoint your Number time and Place.

Commons House of Assembly

Novr 29th 1760

A Message from the Council by the Master in Chancerry (sic)

Upper House of Assembly 29th Novr 1760

Mr Speaker,

Their Answer.

In answer to your Message of this day desiring a Conference on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intitled an Act for Subjecting and making liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province, this House

doth agree thereto and hath appointed a Committee accordingly to meet a Committee of your House in the room adjoyning the Council Chamber immediately. The Committee are

The Honourable { William Knox, William Clifton, Ja^s Ed: Powell } Esq^rs

And then the House Adjourned 'till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Monday December the 1st 1760

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for sinking Wells.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for sinking a sufficient number of Wells in the Town of Savannah and keeping the same in repair and defraying the Expence thereof by a Tax on Houses Lotts and other Property in this Town.

ORDERED that Doctor Johnson Mr Read and Mr Tannatt be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Rept. of the Committee of Conference upon ye Amendments to ye Attachmt. Bill.

Mr Read from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Council in a Conference upon the subject matter of the amendments made to the Bill intitled an Act for Subjecting and making liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province by the Council reported that they had agreed with the Committee of the Council to the Amendments made by the Council to the said Bill.

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committee of Conference to the said Report.

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Council.

Commons House of Assembly December the 1st 1760.

Honourable Gentlemen

Message to the Council.

Upon Report of the Committee of Conference respecting the Amendments made by the House to the Bill intitled an Act for Subjecting and making liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province; this House doth agree with their Committee to the said Amendments.

And then the House Adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Tuesday December the 2nd 1760

ORDERED that Mr Tannatt do carry the following Message to the Council.

Commons House of Assembly Decr 2nd 1760.

Honourable Gentlemen

This House having taken into Consideration the Necessity of immediately repairing the Light House has come to the following Resolution. Vizt

Message to the Council concern the repairing the Light House.

RESOLVED that One hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling be allowed towards repairing the Light House and that Certificate be immediately issued for that Sum to be sunk by the Fund arising by Powder Money collected from Shipping, after the Expence of Building the Publick Magazine is fully discharged and that Mr Tannatt

Mr Deveaux and Mr Read together with such Members of your House as you shall think fit to appoint be Commissioners for repairing the said Light House, and that the said Commissioners or the Majority of them shall have full Power to contract for and purchase such Materials and to hire and employ such Workmen and Laborers as may be necessary for the Purpose aforesaid

This House doth therefore desire your House will please to appoint such Members of your House as you shall think proper to be Commissioners to joyn the Commissioners appointed by this House in carrying the said Resolution into Execution.

A Message from the Council by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly 2nd Decemr 1760.

Mr Speaker,

Their Answer

This House having taken into Consideration the Message of this Day containing a Resolution for repairing the Light House and appointing Commissioners for that Purpose have come to the following Resolution, Vizt

RESOLVED that the Honourable Noble Jones and William Butler Esquires together with the several Commissioners nominated in the Message of the Commons House of Assembly be Commissioners for repairing the Light House And that the said Commissioners or the Majority of them shall have full Power and Authority to contract for such Materials and to hire and employ such Workmen and Labourers as may be necessary for the said Purpose.

And this House doth concur with the Commons House of Assembly that one hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling be allowed towards repairing the said Light House by

Certificates to be immediately issued for that Sum to be sunk by the Fund arising by Powder Money collected from Shipping, after the Expence of building the Publick Magazine is fully discharged.

A Message from His Honor.

Gentlemen,

Message from the Governor

I now Adjourn the Commons House of Assembly and it is hereby Adjourned until the Twelfth day of January next then to meet for the Dispatch of Business.

Given under my Hand at Savannah the second day of December 1760.

JA: WRIGHT.

To The Honourable Grey Elliott Esq[r]
Speaker of the Commons House of Assembly.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 39.)

Monday, January the 12th 1761.

The House met according to Adjournment

A Message from His Honor.

Gentlemen,

Message from the Governor

I do hereby Adjourn the Commons House of Assembly until the twentieth day of this Instant January and they are Adjourned accordingly.

Given under my Hand at Savannah the twelfth day of January 1761.

JA: WRIGHT.

To the Speaker and Members
of the Commons House of Assembly.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

GEORGIA,

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the first Session of the fourth General Assembly of the said Province, convened at the Town of Savannah on Tuesday the Twenty fourth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty one, by His Honor James Wright Esqr Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province aforesaid and Vice Admiral of the same

A true Copy taken from the Original the Seventeenth day of September in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and sixty one

THO^s^ BURRINGTON Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly.

GEORGIA,

Journal of the Commons House of Assembly

Journal of the proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the first Session of the fourth General Assembly of the said Province convened at the Town of Savannah on tuesday the Twenty fourth day of March in the Year of our Lord One thous- Seven Hundred & Sixty one by his Honour James Wright Esqr Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province aforesaid and Vice Admiral of the same—

The following members being met pursuant to the several Writs of Election and returns, Namely—

The Names of the Members

Lewis Johnson
Grey Elliott
John Milledge
Noble Wimberly Jones
} Esquires, for the Town and District of Savannah in the Parish of Christ Church.

William Gibbons Esquire, for the Village of Acton in the Parish of Chirst (sic) Church

Edmund Tannett Esqr for Vernonburg in the Parish of Christ Church.

Inigo Jones Esquire, for the Islands of Wilmington Tybee, Skiddoway and Green Island—

James Read Esquire, for Little Ogechee in the Parish of Christ Church.

Joseph Gibbons Esquire, for the Parish of Saint John.

John Graham
Lachlan McGillivray
} Equires (sic) for the Parish of Saint Paul.

Joseph Wood Esquire for the Parish of Saint George

They take the Oaths

They attended His Honor in the Council Chamber when they took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the Declaration and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration pursuant to the Acts of Parliament made for these purposes, and being return'd, they took their Seats as Members of the Commons House of Assembly

A Message from his Honor by the Master in Chancery, desiring the Members to Proceed to the choice of A Speaker

The Members Proceeded to the Choice of A Speaker accodingly (sic)

They Elect A Speaker

RESOLV'D that Grey Elliott Esqr be Speaker of this House.

And Acquaint his Honor thereof

ORDERED that A Message be sent to his Honor to acquaint him that this House have made Choice of A Speaker and desires to know when he will be pleas'd that the House shall attend his Honor in order to present their Speaker for his Honor's Approbation, and that Mr Tannett do attend his Honor with the said Message.

Mr Tannett attended his Honor accordingly, and being returned, reported that he had attended His Honor in the Council Chamber and delivered the Message, and that his Honor had desired him to acquaint the House for Answer therto (sic) that he is now ready to recieve (sic) the House with the Speaker whom they intend to present for his Approbation; And then Mr Speaker elect with the House, went up and Attended His Honor in the Council Chamber; and being return'd Mr Speaker Reported that the House had attended His Honor in the Council Chamber where the Gentlemen whom the House had appointed for that purpose presented their Speaker to the Governor for his Approbation and that his Honor had been pleased to approve of him; And then Mr Speaker desired His Honor that he would please to grant to this House the Usual and accustomed priviledges of A Brittish House of Representatives in his Majestys plantations, to which his Honor had been pleased to Answer, that every priviledge Heretofore enjoyed by any Assembly of this Province this House should have the full Enjoyment of.

The Speaker Elect With the House wait on the Governor

The Speakers report to the House

The House Adjourns

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning, Nine O'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday March 25th 1761

William Ewen James Deveaux Elisha Butler (sic) and Alexander McKeithen Esquires take the Oaths and their seats as members of Assembly.

William Ewen and James Deveaux Elisha Butler and Alexander McKeithen Esqrs were returned by Writs, that is to say William Even (sic) & James Deveaux Esqrs for the Town & District of Ebenezer in the Parish of Saint Mathew, Elisha Butler Esqr for the Parish of Saint Philip and Alexander McKeithen Esquire for the Parish of Saint James, and waited on His Honor in the Council Chamber and took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscrib'd the Oath of Abjuration, and being return'd took their Seats as Members of this House.

A Message from the Governor

A Message from His Honor by the Master in Chancery.

Mr Speaker

His Honor the Governor requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately—

The Speaker with the House Attended His Honor in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the whole House attended His Honor in the Council Chamber and being return'd Mr Speaker reported they had attended his Honor in the Council Chamber where his Honor had been pleased to make an affectionate speech to both Houses of Assembly, of which to prevent Misstakes he had procured a Copy which he read to the House and Afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks Table where the same was and is as followeth.

Gentlemen of the Council Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of The Common (sic) house of Assembly

His Honors Speech to Both Houses.

The great and Important Event of the Death of his Late Majesty of ever Blessed Memory haveing made it

nescessary (sic) to call a new Assembly gives me this Opportunity of Congratulating you on the accession of our present most Gracious Sovereign to the throne of his Royal Grandfather.

This Accession Gentlemen is a most Inestimable Mark of the divine Providence, for Under the Auspicious Goverment of A Prince who has given such early proof of his royal Abilities Regard for the Brittish Constitution, and love and Affection for his Subjects, we may rest assured that we shall not only continue in the Perfect Enjoyment of the many Blessings we have allready possessed but that we shall meet with every further encourragement (sic) and support that this infant Province require—

Animated therefore with a true Sense of our Happiness, let us with the utmost Gratitude and Veneration Study to promote his Majesty's service, let us Chearfully obey his Royal Commands, and offer up our sincere prayers for his Long and Happy Reign Over us—

Gentlemen, With respect to our own immidiate condition, no measures in my power have been omitted which I thought might make a good impression on our Neighbours, the Creek Indians, and I have ever since my Presideing here receiv'd from many of the most Considerable Chiefs Leaders and Warriours, the Strongest Assurances of their peaceable and good Intentions towards us; but we well know what Indian faith is, and how little to be rely'd on, Which undoubtedly makes our situation very Critical Yet from the pleasing general State of affairs consequent to the very great successes which have everywhere Attended the Arms of his Majesty and his Allies, we have the greatest Reason to expect that those gloomy appearances which some times hang over and threaten us will soon be totally dissipated and suc-

ceded by a serenity that, will afford us uninterrupted peace and Happiness—I need not point out to you those little Matters that are in the mean time so apparently Nescessary (sic) for our security and defence as they must occur to every one & I am perswaded you will readyly join with me in every Salutary Measure for the prosperity of this Province—

As the great event already mentioned has for some time prevented the disspatch of publick Business, & as the Season of the Year is now pretty far advanc'd and as I know it is an inconvenient time for you to continue long Absent from your Private affairs, therefore let me, recommend it to you to enter upon and disspatch those things only which are more Imediately necessary & to delay such as are not so untill a more Leisure time, and Gentlemen let all our Endeavours to promote the Publick Welfare be conducted and executed with proper Candour and Confidence which on my part, I Promise You, and doubt not but you will all Chearfully Unite in this as the best Most effectual and pleasantest Method of promoting the True Interest & happiness of the good people of this Province—

Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly, however, unwilling I am to mention Articles that may lay any the least Burthen on the Inhabitants of this Infant Colony, yet as an Indisspensable part of my duty, I have ordered a State of the last years Tax together with an Estimate for the Necessary service of the present Year to be laid before you, and recommend it to you to make a speedy provision for the same in such manner as may be easiest to and least felt by your Constituents

JAMES WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia
Council Chamber the
25th of March 1761

Motion being made that an Humble Address of Thanks be presented to his Honor for his Speech, the same was resolv'd Accordingly—

Committee appointed to prepare an address of Thanks to his Honor for his Speech

ORDERED that Mr Butler, Mr Tannat (sic) Mr Read Mr Deveaux and Mr Johnson be a Committee to prepare the same.

His Honors Speech referred to the Committe (sic)

ORDERED That His Honor's Speech be referred to the said Committee.

And then the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock—

(From P. B. R. O.—B: of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday March the 26th 1761.

Henry Kennan and John Maxwell Esqrs were returned by Writts, that is to say, Henry Kennan for the Town and District of Ebenezer in the Parish of Saint Matthews and John Maxwell Esqr for the Parish of St Philip and Waited on His Honor and took the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Oaths of Abjuration and made and subscribed the declaration, and being returned took their Seets (sic) as Members of this House—

Henry Kennan and John Maxwell Esqrs take the Oaths and their Seats as Members of Assembly

Mr Butler from the Committee appointed to draw up an address to His Honor reported they had prepared one accordingly which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same—

The Committee to prepare an address to his Honor make the report

ORDERED that the said report be now made Then Mr Butler in his place read the same and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the Same was again raed by the Clerk—

Address referred to Committee of the Whole House.

Motion being made that the said Address be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the Whole house—

RESOLVED that this House will imediately (sic) resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take the said address into Consideration

The House resolv'd into A Committee Accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Jones from the Committee reported that they had taken the Said Address into Consideration and made some Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House would be pleased to receive the same—

ORDERED that the said report be now made

The Address with some amendments agreed to.

Then Mr Jones in his place read the same and afterwards delivered the address with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments where (sic) again read and agreed to by the House—

and ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED that the said address with the Amendments be ingrossed

Committee of privilidges and Elections appointed.

ORDERED that a Committee of Privilidges and Elections be appointed, and A Committee was appointed Accordingly of the following Gentlemen, Namely Mr Tannet Mr McKeithen Mr Kennan Mr Read and Mr Johnson and they have power to send for persons papers and records—

The Speaker and Ten Members to be a House.

RESOLVED that the Speaker and Ten Members be a House—

Five Members to a power to (sic) adjourn the House.

RESOLVED that five Members have Power to adjourn the house, & to send for Absent Members

The Address to his Honor being ingrossed According to order was read to the House in the following Words Viz[t]

To His Honor James Wright Esq[r] Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the Same—

The Humble address of the Common House of Assembly

May it Please Your Honour

Address to his Honor

We his Majestys most Dutyful and Loyal Subjects the Commons house of Assembly of the Province of Georgia beg Leave to return Your Honor our Most unfeigned Thanks for your Affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly; We are truly Sensible of the Inestimable mark of Divine Providence in the Accession of our present most Gracious Soverreign (sic) to the Throne of his Royal Grandfather of Blessed Memory Whose truly paternal Care and Protection we of this Province have often and Effectually experienceed (sic); Those Eminent & Princely Virtues and Abilities that Have so highly and early Distinguished his Sacred Majesty Leave no room to doubt the Continuance of the many Blessings we have Allready possessed and are sure presages of every future Encouragement this Infant Colony can hope or wish for, we shall therefore make it our Constant Study by the most Grateful promotion of his Majestys Service to deserve his royal favour, and shall never cease to offer up our most fervent prayers to the Almighty that his reign over us may be Long & happy—

We are Sensible of the prudent and vigilant measures your Honor has hitherto pursued With the Neighbouring

Indians and altho' we Cannot place an implicit confidence in them Especially in our Critical Situation, Yet we hope they will not act contrary to their repeated Assurances to your Honour and that those Signal Successes that have attended his Majesty's Arms, and Your Honors future Conduct towards them Will Effectually remove the difficultys we have Hitherto Laid under and open to us a Wished for Scene of Peace & Happiness—

We beg Leave to assure your Honor that we shall omitt nothing as far as our abilities Will allow to provide for the Safety and General Prosperity of this Province, and that we shall not be unmindful of the Lateness of the Season but Proceed to Business with the Utmost disspatch (sic)

We should ill Answer the Examples Your Honor has given since your presiding over us were we wanting in that Confidence and Candour you so Justly recommend to us and in which we shall Sincerely & Heartily concur, sensilble (sic) that it is the most Effectual Method of promoteing our true Intrest and Happiness

Your Honor may rest assured that we Shall make as ample Provision for the Service of The Present year, as Justice to our Constituents and their Circumstances will permitt.

ORDERED that Mr Speaker so (sic) sign the said Address and he signed the same Accordingly

RESOLV'D that the said Address be presented to his Honor by the whole House

Message to his Honor to acquaint him the House have an address to present

ORDERED that Mr Jones & Mr Joseph Gibbons do wait on his Honor and acquaint him that this House haveing an address to Present desire to know when he will please to be attended therewith, who being returned reported

that His Honour was pleased to say at five O Clock in ye Afternoon

Committee of the whole House prepare Rules for the Regulation of the House.

Motion being made that this House Immediately resolve itself into A Committee of the whole House to Consider and prepare rules for the regulation of this House, the House resolved into A Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Tannat from the Committee reported that the Committee had Prepared and agreed to severall rules for the Government of this House which they had directed him to report to the House when the House would be pleas'd to receive the same.

ORDERED that the said report be now made.

Then Mr Tannat read the same in his place and afterwards delivered the rules in at Table Where the same were again read and agreed to by the House and are as Follows—

The same rules made to the last Assembly With this addition to the fifth Rule, Viz^t Which is to be Determined by the unanimous Consent of the House then present: and with this addition to the fifteenth Rule Viz^t That all days of adjournment or prorogation be not deemed or considered as any part of the time within the meaning of this rule: and in the twenty fourth Rule instead of one Shilling read two pence—

RESOLVED that the foregoing Rules be The Standing Rules & Orders of this House, and that no Standing Rule or order be altered or new Rule or Order agreed to the same day it be proposed

Mr Tannat from the Committee of Privilidges and

The Committee of Privilidges and Elections report Henry Kennan Esqr. Elected for the Parish of Saint Mathew and also for the Parish of Saint George

Elections reported that upon Inspection of the severall Writs for the Election of Representatives to Serve in General Assembly for the several Parishes in this Province, and their returns, found that Henry Kennan Esqr Was duly Elected and returned to serve in the present General Assembly for the Town and Disstrict (sic) of Ebenezer and Parish of Saint Matthew and that the said Henry Kennan Was also duly Elected and returned to Serve for the Parish of St George and had made Choice to Serve for the Town and Disstrict (sic) of Ebenezer in the Parish of Saint Matthew

RESOLVED that it appears to the Committee that A Member is Wanting to represent in General Assembly the Parish of St George

Motion being made that an address be presented to His Honor the Governor to desire he will be pleas'd to give directions for issuing A Writ to Elect A Representative for the Parish of Saint George in the Room of Henry Kennan Esqr Elected & returned to represent the said Parish and also the Town and District of Ebenezer, The said Henry Kennan haveing declared his resolution to Serve for the Town and District of Ebenezer

His Honor Addres'd to Give directions for issuing a Writ to Elect a representative for Saint George's Parish in the Room of Mr. Cannon he (sic) haveing made Choice to Serve for the Parish of Saint Mathew

RESOLV'D that Such address be presented to his Honor, The said Address being Drawn up,

ORDERED that Mr Graham and M^r McGillivray do attend His Honor therewith Who returning reported his Honor was pleased to say, he wou'd give Directions Accordingly—

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for Sinking a Number of Publick Wells in Savannah.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for Sinking a Number of Publick Wells in the Town of Savannah & keeping the same in repair and defraying the Expence thereof by a Tax on Houses Lots and other Property in the said Town

ORDERED that Mr Johnson Mr Jones and Mr Milledge be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

The Speaker with the whole House present their address to His Honor

Mr Speaker with the whole House went to attend His Honor with their address, and being return'd, Mr Speaker reported that they had attended his Honor and presented their address, to which his his (sic) Honor had been pleased to give the following Answer—

Mr Speaker & Gentlemen

His Honors Answer

I am extremely obliged to you for this address which breathes so much Duty and Gratitude to his Majesty and shews such a proper Spirit and Inclination to promote the true Interest of this Province, I am Convinc'd you will make A Just provision for the Exigencies of Goverment (sic) I Thank you for approving my past Endeavours, and shall Study to promote the wished for Scene of Peace and Happiness—March the Twenty Sixth One Thousand Seven Hundred & Sixty One

JAMES WRIGHT.

Motion being made that A Committee be appointed to Consider Ways and means for repairing the Light House on Tybee Island—

Committee appointed to consider Ways and means for repairing the Light House

ORDERED that Mr Tannat Mr Read and Mr Deveaux be that Committee—

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to enquire what acts of Assembly are expired or near expiring

Committee appointed to Enquire what Acts of Assembly are Expired or near Expiring.

ORDERED that Mr Even (sic) Mr Tannat and Mr Wood be that Committee—

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for Subjecting and makeing Liable to

Attachment the Estate Real & Personal of Absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province—

Committee appointed to Bring in an Attachment Bill.

ORDERED that Doctr Johnson Mr Wood Mr Kennan Mr Graham and Mr McGillivray be A Committee to prepare and bring the same—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday March 27. 1761—

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill to Assertain (sic) the manner & form of Electing members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House (sic) Assembly, and to appoint who shall be deemed qualifyd to Elect or to be elected Members of the said House, and to Limitt the duration of their Sitting—

Committee Appointed to prepare and bring in an Election Bill—

ORDERED, that Mr Tannat Mr Kennen (sic) Mr Milledge Joseph Gibbons & Mr Read be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill to amend an act intitled an act for the better regulating the Town of Savannah and for assertaining the Common (sic) thereunto Belonging

Committee Appointed to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for better regulating The Town of Savannah

ORDERED that Mr Even & Mr Tannat be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

The Attachment Bill read the first time

Mr Johnson from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Subjecting and Makeing Liable to attachment the Estate, Real And Personal of Absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province, reported they had prepared the

same, which was received & read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time on Monday Morning Next.

The Bill to amend the Act for Better regulating the Town of Savannah read the first Time

Mr Read from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to amend an Act Intitled an Act for the better regulateing the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Commons thereunto Belonging reported that they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time on Monday morning Next.

The Election Bill read the first time

Mr Tannett of the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to ascertain the manner and form of Electering (sic) members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be deemed qualify'd to Elect or to be Elected Members of the said House and to Limitt the Duration of their Sitting, Reported that they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time on Monday Morning Next

Motion being made for a Call of the House

A Call of the House Ordered

ORDERED that this House be called over on next Monday Seven night

ORDERED that Mr Butler have Leave of Absence from the Service of this House till Wednesday Next and then the House adjourned till Tomorrow morning nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday March 28th 1761—

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday March 30th 1761

A Message from the Governor by the Master in Chancery

Mr Speaker & Gentlemen,

A Message from the Governor

In June last Governor Ellis thought it Necessary for the good of the Province to send Mr Joseph Wright up into the Creek Nation as an agent, where he Continued till October, and then Came down here with Several Headmen and other Creek Indians, His services have been represented to me as of great use and I believe Were so, and it should be considered that he went up at a Very dangerous time, when probably few or none wou'd have Ventured, I have therefore sent you his Accounts that You may Consider his Services and do thereon what you shall see fitt— I must also acquaint you that Several Indians some who live in the Settlements, and, others, have apply'd to me for A Small Supply of Corn, alledging they are reduced to great distress for want of Provision, and I have Lately ordered ten Bushells of Corn for the present Relief of some of them but as I am apprehensive many more may apply and as there is no fund out of which I can even pay for what I have already ordered, therefore I think it Necessary to lay this Matter before you, that if You Judge it expedient that they should be spareingly supplyed, you may enable me so to do—

James Wright / 27 March 1761

Several Accots Laid before The House by the Master in Chancery by order of the Governor.

The master in Chancery Laid before the House by order of His Honor the Governor

An Estimate of Necessary Charges of Government in the Provinc (sic) of Georgia for one Year Commencing the twenty Ninth day of September one thousand Seven Hundred & Sixty and ending the twenty Ninth of September One thousand Seven Hundred & Sixty One—

An Account of the General Tax for the Year 1760

A State of the Tax as given in by the Collectors the 25th day of March One thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one—

Mr Joseph Wrights Account as agent to the Creek Indians.

And then he withdrew and the Titles of the said Paper were read—

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Papers and his Honors Message into Consideration on Thursday Next—

ORDERED that the said papers do lye upon the Table to be perused by the members of the House

The Attachment Bill read the Second Time.

The Bill for Subjecting and making Liable to Attachment the Estate Real & Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province, Was read the Second time—

RESOLVED that this house will resolve itself into a Committe (sic) of the Whole House to take the Said Bill into Consideration on Wednesday Next

The Bill for amending the Act for better Regulating the Town of Savannah read the Second time

The Bill entitled an Act for amending an Act Intitled An Act for the better regulating the Town of Savanna (sic) and ascertaining the Common (sic) thereunto belonging was read a second time—

RESOLV'D that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration, Immediately,—

The House resolve into a Committee of the whole House and Consider the Bill and make an amendment therto which is Agreed to.

The House resolved into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Tannat from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration & made an amendment thereto, and he read the same in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table where the Amendment was again read and agreed to by the House—

The Bill with the amendment ordered to be ingrosd.

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed—

Petition of Several Freeholders of the Parish of Saint George presented and read.

A Petition of Several of the free holders of the Parish of Saint George whose Names are thereunto Subscribed was presented to the House, and read, representing that Whereas his Majestys Writ for Electing Two Members to represent the aforesaid Parish in this present Assembly was (sic) time since issued, in Consequence of which Joseph Wood and Henry Kennan Esqrs have by an undue and partial Election been returned Representatives for the Said Parish, they the Subscribers Humbly prayed that this House Would be pleased to fix a Time and grant them a Hearing in that Case, when they did not doubt they should be able to convince this House that the Election of the said Joseph Wood and Henry Kennan was Illegall and Contrary to the real Intentions of the Majority of the Inhabitants of the Said Parish of Saint George—

Referred to the Committee of Privilidges and Elections

ORDERED that the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Privilidges and Elections, and that they do Examine the Matter thereof and report the Same as it shall appear to them, to the House—

The Election Bill Read the Second time.

The Bill intitled an Act to Ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who Shall be deemed qualify'd to Elect or be Elected Members of the said House and Limit the duration of their Sitting Was read a Second time according to Order—

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration tomorrow morn^g

Instructions relateing to the Qualifications of Members of Assembly and of Freeholders presented by the Provost Marshall.

The Provost Marshall presented to the House According to order, Certain Instructions relating to the qualifications of Members to Serve in General Assembly and of Free Holders to Vote for Representatives and then he withdrew.

The said Instructions referred to the Committee to consider the Election Bill

ORDERED that the said Instructions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House appointed to take into Consideration, the Bill intitled an Act to ascertain the manner & form of Electing Members to Represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be deemed qualifyed to Elect or be Elected Members of the said House and to Limit the Duration of their Sitting—

And then the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine Of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday 31st March 1761

The Bill for Sinking a Number of Publick Wells in Savanah read the (sic) first time

Doctr Johnston from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for Sinking A Number of Public Wells in the Town of Savannah and for provideing Fire Buckets, reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time and order'd to be read a Second time— The Order of the Day being read the House resolv'd itself into a Committee of the Whole House and took into Consideration the Bill intitled an Act to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be deemed qualifyd to Elect or to be Elected Members of the said House and to Limit the duration of their Sitting and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Johnson from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made some amendments thereto and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to set it again—

The House resolve into a Committee of the Whole House upon the Election Bill and make some Amendments thereto

RESOLVED that the house will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to Consider of the said Bill to Morrow Morning

ORDERED that the Call of the House, by the Order of the 27th Instant, ordered to be on the then Next Monday Seven Night, tomorrow Seven night—

and then the House adjourned till Tomorrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday April the 1st 1761—

The Bill for sinking a Number of public Wells in Savannah read the Second time.

The Bill for Sinking a sufficient number of Public Wells in the Town of Savannah and for providing fire Bucketts was read a Second time and Committed.

Motion being made that the Consideration of the Estimate and other papers Laid before this House by the Master in Chancery by Order of his Honor the Governor and ordered to be taken into consideration Tomorrow, be deferred till this day Seven Night, it was Resolved Accordingly—

Petition of David Truan presented and read.

A Petition of David Truan was presented to the House and read, Setting forth that the petitioner had been Robbed by the Creek Indians who went Lately from Savannah of the Sundry Effects particularly Specifyed in the Schedule to the said petition Annexed, and had other damage done him by the said Indians by their Destroying this provision themselves and turning their Horses in his Field and amongst his rice Stacks, which was a loss too heavy for the petitioner to bear, and therefore Praying the House to take his case into Consideration and Grant him such redress as this House should think Meet—

referred to the Consideration of A Committee of the whole House.

ORDERED that the said Petition be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will upon this day Sevennight resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to Consider of the said Petition —

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the

The Committee of the whole House take the Election Bill into further consideration and make Several amendments thereto which are agreed to by the House.

Whole House to Consider further of the Bill intitled an Act to Ascertain the manner and form of Electing members to represent the Inhabitants of this Provinc (sic) in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be Deemed qualified to elet (sic) or to be Elected Members of the said House and to Limitt the Duration of their Sitting, according to the order of the day, and after Some time spent therein Mr Speaker resum'd the Chair and Doctr Johnson from the Committee, reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and gone through the same and made Several Amendments thereto and he read the amendments in his place and afterwards Delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table Where the Amendments were again read and Agreed to by the House—

The Bill with the amendments Ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed

A Message from His Honor in respect to the Accadians.

A Message from His Honor by the Clerk of the Council Acquainting this House that the Land Whereon the Accadians do at Present reside being become Private Property, and those People being Ordered by the Several Proprietors to quit their Habitations had Made application to His Honour in Council for other Land to Settle upon and that His Honor and the Council Were of Opinion that the most Convenient place for Them would be the Common Westward of the Town of Savannah and desiring the Sense of this House thereupon

RESOLVED that this House will Immediately take into Consideration the said Message—

The House take the said Message into Consideration.

The House took the said Message accordingly into Consideration—

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of this House that the most Convenient place for the Accadians to move to, will

be the Common West of the Town of Savannah, and this House doth consent that they have Leave to build and reside there but not Nearer the Bluff then (sic) A Hundred Feet, and not interfering with the Street Laid out in the Land sold to Yamacraw—

ORDERED That Mr Maxwell and Mr Kennan have Leave of Absence from the Service of this House till Monday Next—

And then the Hous (sic) adjourned till tomorrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday April 2d 1761—

Committee of the Whole House take into consideration the Bill for Sinking a Number of Wells in Savannah and make some amendments thereto which are agreed to by the House.

The House resolved into a Committee of the Whole House and took into Consideration the Bill for Sinking a Number of Publick Wells in the Town of Savannah and for Providing fire Bucketts, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Graham from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made some amendments thereto Which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place and afterwards Delivered the Bill With the amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

The Bill with the Amendments ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED that the Said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed—

William Francis Esqr. takes the Oaths and his Seat, as a member of assembly

William Francis Esqr returned representative to serve in General Assembly for the Villages of Abercorn and Goshen in Parish of Saint Mathew Waited on his Honor the Governor and took the oaths and made and Subscribed

the Declaration and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, pursuant to the Laws Made for those purposes and being returned took his Seat as a Member of this House—

The Committee of the Whole House take into Consideration the Attachment Bill and make some Progress therein and desire Leave to sit again—

The order of the day being read, the House resolved into a Committee of the Whole House and took into Consideration the Bill intitled an Act for subjecting and making Liable to Attachment the Estate real and Personal of Absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any person or persons within this Province and after Some time Spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Keithen from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made some Progress therein, and that he was directed by the said committee to move for Leave to Sit again Tomorrow Morning

RESOLV'D that this House will resolve itself into A Committee of the Whole House further to Consider of the said Bill tomorrow Morning—

Motion being made That the Publick Treasurer do lay before this House the Publick Accounts for the Last Year

ORDERED that Mr Speaker issue an order accordingly

And then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday April 3d 1761—

The Committee of the Whole House Consider further the Attachment Bill and go through the Same and make Several Amendments thereto which are agreed to by the House

The House resolved into a Committee of the Whole House & took into further Consideration the Bill Intitled an Act for Subjecting and makeing Liable to Attachment, the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within the Province, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr McKeithen from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made Severall Amendments thereto, and he read the Amendments in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House—

The bill with the Amendments orderd to be ingros'd

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed

ORDERED that Noble Wimberly Jones Esqr Have Leave of absence from the service of this House till Wednesday Next— and then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday fourth of April 1761

The House met according to adjourment (sic) and then adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday the Sixth of April 1761—

A Message from His Honor the Governor by the Master in Chancery—

M[r] Speaker & Gentlemen

A Message from His Honor

Altho'with reluctance, yet I cannot help recommending it to you to provide for the Expences of Erecting four Caponniers round the Town, Two on the South side one at the West End and one at the east end, which seems necessary to make those already built of real use for the defence of this Town—

The Court House wants repair, and the room postponed [sic] intended for Juries is by no means fitt for that use and they are Obliged to go through the Town to Taverns which is Very Improper and I think Deserves your Consideration, I also send you a Copy of A Letter I received from Capt[n] Goldsmith

JAMES WRIGHT— the
6th of April 1761—

The following Articles were not mentioned in the Estimate I sent you of the Common annual expence of this Government, Viz[t] Two Hundred and twenty Pounds formerly raisd for the Fortifications and to be sunk by the General Tax for the Year One Thous[d] Seven Hundred & Sixty One also the Annuity to Governor Ellis, and the Sum of one Hundred and two Pounds thirteen Shillings and a Penny Half Penny which has been Expended under a Vote of Creditt of the Late Assembly The reason I omitted them was because the first are directed by dif-

ferent Laws, and the othe (sic) will appear on the Journals of the Late Assembly—

JAMES WRIGHT

Sir

I am ordered by Coll° Grant to do duty for a Time in Savannah; I Apply to Your Honor for quarters;

I am Your Honors most Obedient Hu^m Servt

THOMAS GOLDSMITH—

The said Message refer'd to the Consideration of the Committee to whom is refer'd His Honors Message of the Thirtyeth of March and the papers laid before the House by the master in Chancery—

ORDERED that the said Message be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday Next —

To Whom is allso referred the Consideration of His Honors Message of the thirtyeth day of March last, and the Papers laid before the House that day by the Master in Chancery by order of His Honor the Governor—

The Committee to Examine what Acts of General Assembly are Expired or near Expiring make their report.

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to examine What Acts of the General Assembly of this Province are Expired or near Expiring, Reported that the Militia Act will Expire at the end of this Present Session of Assembly

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill, to Continue Several Acts for regulating the Militia in the Province of Georgia—

Committee appointed to bring in A Bill to Continue Several Acts for regulateing the Militia.

ORDERED that Mr Ewen, Mr Deveaux and Mr Inigo Jones be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same—

The Publick Treasurer Lays his Accots before the House.

The Publick Treasurer Laid before the House the Publick Accounts, by order of His Honor the Governor

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do sign the following Letter

to the Clerk of this House to command his better Attendance

Sir,

The House having met this day and been obliged to adjourn on Account of your Non Attendance, and being depriv'd of the use of their papers on the same account, have ordered me to acquaint you that they are fully determined not to suffer the like Neglect for the future, in which, if you sho'd persist they will be under the Necessity (however disagreeable to them) of applying to the Governor for Redress.

By Order of the House,

To Thomas Burrington Esq[r]

Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly

Signed

GREY ELLIOTT, Speaker

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday April 7th 1761.

A Letter of Excuse from the Clerk of this House was read.

RESOLV'D that the said Letter is not a sufficient or satisfactory Excuse—

Thomas Carter and Charles West Esqrs. take the Oaths and their Seats as members of the Assembly

Thomas Carter and Charles West Esq[rs] returned Representatives to serve in the General Assembly, that is to say the said Thomas Carter to Serve for the Parish of Saint John and the said Charles West for the Parish of Saint Andrew Waited on His Honor the Governor and took the Oaths & made and Subscribed the declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration Pursuant

to the Laws made for those Purposes and being Returned took their Seats as Members of this House

The Bill to continue several Acts for regulating the Militia read the first time.

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to Continue Several Acts for regulating the Militia in the Province of Georgia, Reported they had prepared the same Which was Received and read the first Time and Ordered to be read a second time—

The Ingros'd Bill for amending the Act for Better regulating the Town of Savannah read the Third time

The Ingrossed Bill Intitled an act for amending an Act Intitled an Act for Better Regulating the Town of Savanna and ascertaining the Commons thereunto belonging, was read the Third time—

and passed

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Read do carry up the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto

The Ingross'd Bill for Subjecting and making liable to Attachment the Real and Personal Estate of absent Debtors was read the third time

The Ingrossed Bill Intitled An Act for Subjecting and Making Liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of Absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province Was read the Third time—

And pass'd

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Read do Carry up the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence therto (sic)

and then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday April the Eighth 1761—

The House Call'd Over

The order of the day for the Call of the House being read The House was Called Over and the Names of Such Members as Made default to appear Were taken Down—

List of defaulters call'd Over

And a List of Defaulters being called over, some Appeared and were Excused and the Names of Edward Barnard, Robert Baillie and John Maxwell being Called over

Note, no order Made by the House—

ORDERED (etc)

Letter from Samuel Jeans Esqre read

A Letter from Samuel Jeans Esqr Elected and returned to serve in General Assembly Representative for the Parish of Saint John, was read desiring to be excused from Serving, being Elected Contrary to his Inclination—

Motion being made that an Address be presented to His Honor the Governor to desire he will be Pleasd to give Directions for Issuing a Writ to elect a Representative in the Room of the said Samuel Jeans—

RESOLVED that Such address be Presented to His Honor

His Honor addressed, to give directions for Issuing a Writ to Elect a Representative in the Room of Mr. Jeans

The said Address being drawn up, Ordered that Mr Wood & Mr Joseph Gibbons do Attend His Honor therewith who Returning, Reported His Honor was Pleased to say he would give directions Accordingly—

The Order of the day being read, the House resolved into A Committee of the Whole House and took into Consideration

The Estimate of the Charges of Goverment from the 29th Septemr: 1760, to the 29th Septr: 1761 with Several Accounts and other Papers taken into consideration by a Committee of the Whole House.

The Estimate of the Necessary Charges of Government in the Provinc (sic) of Georgia for one Year Commenceing (sic) the 29th September 1760 and ending the 29th September 1761—

An Account of the General Tax for the Year 1760—

A State of the Tax, as given in by the Collectors the 25th of March 1761—

Mr Joseph Wrights Accot as Agent to the Creek Indians

His Honours Message of the 30th of March Last and

Also His Honors Message of the Sixth Instant

And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr McGillivray from the Committee reported they had taken the said Papers into Consideration and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to Consider the said Papers at four of the Clock in the afternoon

A Memorial of Thomas Stephens presented and Read

A Memorial of Thomas Stephens Esqr was presented to the House and read, setting forth that in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and forty One, Your Memorialist was Chosen and Duly appointed and Authorized to apply for redress of Grievances at Disscretion (sic) the Trustees from whose Meausures (sic) they Arose, only Excepted—

That he did accordingly lay a Complaint before the King in Council, and receiveing for answer, That Application must be made to Parliament for that purpose he did also obtain a Hearing at the Bar of the House of Commons— That in Consequence thereof the Heavy Griev-

ance being removed by Several restaints (sic) being Immediately taken off, almost everything was then Granted which was asked or Sought for. Except an Abolition of the trust, which happened not untill some time after, though Consequential to the said Application and Hearing— That in getting these things done Your Memorialist expended not only a Great deal of Time and Labour, but also a Large sum of Money with Which he from time to time acquainted those appointed to Correspond with him as well as Others, who, though Sensible of the Service done to the Publick, were Sensible Also, that the People were unable to Satisfy his demand in the Low Estate of The Colony—

Wherefore your Memorialist Humbly Submitts it to the Honorable House to reimburse him in Such Manner as in their Wisdom Shall seem meet and your Memorialist shall &c

THOMAS STEPHENS

Savannah April the Eight (sic) 1761—

The Said Memorial refer'd to a Committee of the Whole House

ORDERED that the said Memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to Whom is referred His Honors Message of the 30th of March and of the 6th Instant and the Estimate and other Papers Laid before the House by the Master in Chancery by Order of His Honor the Govenor (sic)

Wednesday Afternoon

The Estimate and Other papers Laid before the House by the Master in Chancery and his Honors Messages taken into further consideration by the Committee of the whole House—

The House resolv'd into a Committee of the Whole House and took into Further Consideration the Estimate and other Papers Laid before this House by the Master in Chancery by Order of His Honor the Governor and His Honors Messages and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr McGillivary (sic) from the Committee Reported they had taken the said

Papers into further Considerations (sic) and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again—

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to Consider further of the Said Papers Tomorrow Morning—

The Commissioners of fortifications for the Town of Savannah Ordered to lay their Accounts before the House—

Motion being made that the Commissioners of Fortifications for the Town of Savannah do lay their Acco^ts Before this House—

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do Issue an order Accordingly,

And then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday 9th April 1761.

The Election Bill read the third time

The ingrossed Bill intitled an Act to Ascertain the Manner and form of an (sic) Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Provinc (sic) in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be deemed qualified to Elect or to be Elected Members of the said House and to Limit the Duration of their Setting (sic) was read the third time

and pas'd

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Read do carry up the Same to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Motion being made that the Ingrossed Bill Intitled An Act for Sinking a Number of Wells in the Town of Savannah and for Providing fire Bucketts be read the third time and another motion being made that the said Bill be

Read the Third Time at a Future day and a Debate arising thereon and the Question being put it was Carried for the Latter.

The Bill to continue Several Acts regulateing the Militia read the Second time

The Bill intitled an Act to Continue severall Acts for Regulating the Militia of the Province of Georgia was read the Second time.

RESOLVED that this House will Imediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House upon the Said Bill.

The House resolve into A Committee upon the said Bill and agree therto

The House resolved itself into a Comittee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee, Reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through the Same and he read the report in his place and afterwards Delivered it in at the Table where the Same was again Read and agreed to by the House—

The Bill ordered to be ingross'd

ORDERED that the said Bill be ingrossed.

The Memorial of Thomas Stephens withdrawn

Motion being made that the Memorial of Thomas Stevens (sic) Esqr presented to this House might be withdrawn

ORDERED that the same be withdrawn Accordingly

The Publick Treasurer ordered to lay before the House the returns of the last year for the parish of St. John—

Motion being made that the Public Treasurer do lay before the House the Returns of the Last Year for the Parish of Saint John

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do Issue an Order Accordingly

The Estimate and other papers Laid before the House by the Master in Chancery and His Honors Messages further Considered.

The House resolved itself Into a Committee of the Whole House and took into further consideration The Estimate and other papers Laid before the House by the Master in Chancery by Order of his Honor, also his Honor's Messages and after some (sic) spent therein Mr

Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr McGillivray from the Committee Reported that they had further Considered the said Papers and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to Consider further of the said papers in the Afternoon

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Thursday Afternoon.

The Estimate and other papers laid before the House by the master in Chancery and his Honors Messages further Considered

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House and took into further Consideration the Estimate and others papers Laid before this House by the Master in Chancery by Order of His Honor the Govenor, (sic) also his Honors Messages and after some time spent therin (sic) Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr McGillivray from the Committee reported they had further considered the said papers, and that he was Directed to move for Leave to sit again—

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to Consider further of the said Papers tomorrow Morning—

And then the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday April 10th 1761—

The Bill to Continue Several Acts for regulateing the Militia read the third time

The Ingrossed Bill Intitled an Act to Continue Several Acts for Regulating the Militia in the Provinc (sic) of Georgia was read the third time—

and Passed

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass—

ORDERED that Mr Read do carry up the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence thereto

A Message from the Council by the Master in Chancery—

Upper House 10th April 1761—

Mr Speaker

A Message from The Counel. (sic)

This House Haveing come to a resolution to Address His Honor the Governor that he would be pleas'd to use His good Offices with the Right Honorable the Lords of Trade and Plantations that an Act of this Province passed the Last Session of the Second General Assembly, Intitled an Act, for Stamping imprinting Issuing and makeing Current The Sum of Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ten Pounds Sterling in Paper Bills of Creditt and for Applying and sinking the same May Obtain His Majestys Royal Allowanc (sic) and Approbation, Therefore desire your Concurrence in the said Resolution, and that you will appoint a Committee of Your House to Join A Committee of this House to prepare an address Accordingly—

ORDERED that Mr Jones do carry the following Message to the Council—

Commons House of Assembly

April the 10th 1761.

Honorable Gentlemen

A Message to the Council.

This House have taken into consideration the resolution of your House to address His Honor the Governor that he would be pleased to use his good offices With the right Honorable the Lords of Trade and Plantations that an act of this Province past the Last Sessions of the Second General Assembly intitled an Act for

Stamping imprinting issuing and make (sic) current the Sum of Seven Thousand four Hundred and Ten Pounds Sterling in Papers (sic) Bill (sic) of Creditt and for applying and Sinking the same, may obtain His Majestys Royal Allowance and approbation, and desiring this House to Appoint a Committee to Join a Committee of your House to Prepare an address for that Purpose, This House doth Concur with Your Honors in the said resolution and hath Appointed a Committee accordingly, Namely, Lewis Johnson, James Read, William Ewen, Henry Kannan, and James Deveaux Esquires.

The Estimate and other Papers laid before the House by the Master in Chancery and His Honors Messages further Considered

The House resolved into a Committee of the Whole House and took into further consideration the Estimate and other papers Laid before this House by the Master in Chancery by Order of His Honor the Governor, also His Honors Messages and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the chair and Mr McGillivray from the Committee reported they had taken the said Papers into further Consideration and had come to several resolutions thereupon which they had directed him to r'port to the House when the House would please to receive the same

Motion being made that the said report be now made and another Motion being made that the said Report be made on Monday Morning next and a debate arising thereon and the Question being put it was carried for the Latter—

RESOLVED that the said Report be received on Monday Morning next

And then the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday April 11th 1761—

The House met according to Adjourment (sic) and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From P. B. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday April 13th 1761

Robert Baillie Esqr. Took the Oaths and his Seat as a Member of the House.

Robert Baillie Esqr returned representative to Serve in General Assembly for the Parish of Saint Andrew Waited on His Honor the Governor and took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the Declaration and took and Subscrib'd the Oath of Abjuration pursuant to the Laws made for those purposes and being returned took his seat as A Member of This House—

Committee of ways and Means to raise a fund to repair the light House make their report

Mr Tannett from the Committee to whom it was referred to consider ways and means to raise a ffund sufficient to repair the Light House on Tybee Island Reported the resolution which they had directed him to Report to the House which he read in his place and afterwards Delivered in at the Table where the same was again Read and is as follows—

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be raised by Certificates for repairing the Light House and charges in Issuing the Money to be sunk in five Years by a Tax on Transient Trade in this Province at the rate of Seven Pounds & a Half on Every Hundred, that is to say on all Goods brought into the Province and sold by any transient Person and not consigned to any inhabitant of

the same who shall Pay all the Country Tax for Such goods imposed by Law as shall be Consigned to him

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into A Committee of the Whole House upon the said Report to morrow morning

The Committee to Join A Committee of the Council to Prepare an address to the Governor to use his good offices with the Lords of Trade that the Act for Issuing and makeing Current £7410 - in Paper Bills of Creditt may obtain His Majestys approbation, make their report.

Mr Deveaux from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the Council to Prepare an address to his Honor the Governor that he would be pleased to Use his good Offices with the Right Honorable the Lord (sic) of Trade and Plantations that an Act passt the Last Sessions of the Second General Assembly, intitled An Act for Stamping Imprinting Issuing and makeing Current the Sum of Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ten Pounds Sterls in Paper Bills of Creditt and for applying and Sinking the same may obtain His Majestys Royal Allowances and approbation, Reported that the Joint Committee had Prepared an address accordingly and he read the Same in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read and Agreed to by the House, and is as follows—

To His Honor James Wright Esqr Lieutenat Governor and Commander in chief of the Province of Georgia.

The Humble Address of Both Houses of Assembly

May it Please Your Honor

Address of Both Houses

Both Houses of assembly haveing taken into Consideration the Expediency and Utility of an Act Passed in the Second General Assembly of this Province Intiteled (sic) an Act for Stamping Imprinting Issuing and Makeing Current the Sum of Seven Thousand and Four Hundred and Ten Pounds Sterls in Paper Bills of Creditt, and for applying and Sinking the same in which Act is Contained a Clause suspending the Execution thereof

untill His Majestys Royal approbation and allowance of the Same shall be Signified to the Governor or commander in Chief of this Province, Humbly beg Leave to intreat your Honor to use your good Offices with The Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations that their Lordships may be Pleased to interceede (sic) with His Majesty that the said Act may Obtain His Majestys Royal Approbation and Allowance—

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Council

Commons House of Assembly 13th April 1761

Honorable Gentlemen

A Message to the Council.

The Committee appointed to Join A Committee of your House in drawing up an Address to His Honor The Governor requesting His Honor to use his good offices With the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations that an Act Passed in the Last Session of the Second General Assembly of this Province Intiteled (sic) an Act for Stamping Imprinting Issuing and makeing Current the Sum of Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ten Pounds Sterlg in Paper Bills of Creditt and for Applying and Sinking the same may obtain His Majestys Royal allowance and approbation, Haveing reported The address so drawn up by the said Joint Committee This House doth agree with the Committee therein.

A Message from the Council by the Master in Chancery

Upper House 13th April 1761—

Mr Speaker

The Committee of this House appointed to Join A

A Message from the Council.

Committee of Your House in drawing up an Address to his Honor the Governor Requesting His Honor to Use his good Offices with the Right Honorable to (sic) Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations that an Act passed in the Last Sessions of the Second General Assembly intitled an Act for Stamping Imprinting Issuing and makeing current the Sum of Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ten Pounds Sterl^g in Papers (sic) Bills of Creditt and for applying and sinking the same may Obtain His Majestys Royal allowance and approbation, haveing reported the address so drawn up This House doth agree with their Committee therein—

ORDERED that the order of the day be adjourned Over till Tomorrow Morning—

and then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday April 14th 1761—

The Committee of Priviledges and Elections make their report upon the Petetion of the (sic) Freeholders in the Parish of Saint George.

Mr Tannatt from the Committee of Priviledges and Elections to whom the Petition of Several Freeholders of the Parish of Saint George whose Names are thereunto Subscribed, Setting forth that the Election of Joseph Wood and Henry Kennan Esq^rs to represent the said Parish in General Assembly was undue and contrary to the Intentions of the Majority of the Inhabitants of the Said Parish, Reported they had Examined the Matter of the said Petition and found the said Petition to be frivolous Groundless and without foundation—

RESOLVED that the Election of the said Joseph Wood and Henry Kennan Esq^{rs} to Serve in the Present General Assembly, Representatives for the Parish of Saint George is due and Legal

His Honors answer to the address of Both Houses

Mr Deveaux from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the Council to wait on His Honor the Governor with the Address of both Houses reported the Joint Committee had waited on His Honor and Presented the address, and that His Honor was pleasd to say he was very Sensible of the Utility of the Bill mentioned in the address, and that the Gentlemen of Both Houses might be assured he would use his good Offices with the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations that His Majestys Confirmation thereof might be obtained— The order of the day being read M^{r} McGillivray from the Committee appointed to Consider of the Estimate and other Papers Laid before this House by the Master in Chancery by order of His Honor the Governor and also His Honors Messages of the 30th of March and the Sixth Instant, Reported to the House the resolutions which the Committee had come to thereupon and he read the Resolutions in his place and afterwards delivered them in at the Table Where the same were again read and agreed to by the House and are as follows—

The Committee to Consider the Estimate and Other Papers laid before the House by the Master in Chancery and His Honors Messages make their report.

Report.

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that the following sums in the Estimate Allotted for Publick officers ought not to be paid by the Publick of the Province, His Majesty haveing allowed Each a Competent Sallery (sic) that is to Say—

	£			
To The Chief Justice for Holding Two Courts	6..	0..	0	
The Attorney General at Two Courts	20..	–..	–	
The Provost Marshall for a Jailor	30..	–..	–	
The Secretary for Copies and Sealing of Acts &c	60..	–..	–	
The Register of Grants	10..	–..	–	
	£126..	–..	–	Sterlg

RESOLVED that the Sum of One Thousand and Seventy Pounds, Seventeen shillings and four Pence Half Penny, be raisd for the Expence of the ensuing Year that is to say

For defraying the Expence of holding three Courts of Oyer and Terminer, A Sum not Exceeding Sixty Pounds Vizt

	£			
To the Clerk of the Crown	10..	–..	–	
The Provost Marshall for Summoning Juries	20..	–..	–	
The maintenance of Criminels in Jail	10..	–..	–	
The Cryer and Keeper of the Court	10..	–..	–	
The Coroner	10..	–..	–	
£	60..	–..	–	Sterlg

For defraying the Expences of Holding the Generall Assembly, A Sum not Exceeding Two Hundred Sixty Three Pounds Seven Shillings and three Pence—

	£
Brought Over Expence of Holding Courts	60.. –.. –
To the Clerk of the Upper House of Assembly	30.. –.. –
" The Messenger & Door Keeper to Ditto	12.. –.. –
" The Clerk of the Commons House	25.. –.. –
" Incidental Business	40.. –.. –
" The Messenger & door Keeper to the Commons House	25.. –.. –
" Printing the Laws	20.. –.. –
" Books for the Use of the General Assembly	20.. –.. –
" Fire and Candles for the General Assembly	5.. –.. –

Arrears

" Thomas Burrington Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly	81.. 0.. 5
" Johnson & Wylly their Acco^{t}	4..16..10
	£323.. 17.. 3

For Contingent Services A Sum not Exceeding Six Hundred Seventy Two Pounds Shillings and A Penny half Penny

	£
Negroes that May be apprehended or Executed	40.. –.. –
Apprehending Other Offenders	20.. –.. –
Expresses &^{c} &^{c}	60.. –.. –
Commissary	20.. –.. .
Armourer	21.. –.. –

	£		
Twenty Bushells Corn for Subsisting the Settlement Indians	2..	10..	–
Quarters for Cap^n Goldsmiths for Six Months doing duty in Savannah @ 4/	5..	4..	–
Firewood, Candles, Pepper Vinegar and Salt for Thirty Two Men doing duty in Savannah for Six Months @ 6/ ℔ Week	7..	16..	–
To A Sum to be Sunk by (sic)	220..	–..	–
Voted to Joseph Wright for His Services in The Creek Nation at the time of imminent danger	105..	–..	–
To The Annuity for the Governors House	50..	–..	–
To Repairing Publick Buildings	–..	–..	–
To A Vote of Creditt of the Last Assembly	103..	0..	0
To James Love	7..	7..	–
Arrears			
To the Provost Marshall for a Coffin for a Prisoner who died in Jail..	1..	–..	1
To Messrs Gordon & Elliotts Acco^t 1.. 16.. 11½ ..... To Edmund Tannats Aco^t 1.. 16..-	3..	12..	11½
Mr Edward Barnards Acco^t for Provision for the sick and Wounded..	6..	6..	2
Commissions to Treasurer and Collectors at Seven and half ℔ c^t.....	74..	14..	–
	£1070..	17..	4½

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of the Committee of the whole House that the Charge of the Clerk of the Council for Business done for His Majestys Council is an improper Charge to the Publick and ought not to be Paid out of the money rais'd by the Publick of this Province, by which appropriation the fund appointed to defray the Expences of the General Assembly is Exhausted and the Clerk of the Common (sic) House of Assembly hath not been paid any part of his Acco^t amount^s to Eighty one Pounds & five pence

RESOLVED that the Articles in the Estimate under Contingent Services, for Makeing and Putting Irons on Prisioners (sic) and for Iron Work done for one of the capioniers (sic as (sic) a Prison are wrong Charges and ought not to be paid by the Public of this Province

RESOLVED that the Summoning Evidences against Persons trading with Indians is not a proper charge against the Publick

RESOLVED that the Appropriating Money out of any Fund not expended to the Use of any Other Service for Which a ffund was raised on Paying Money for any particular service more then (sic) was raisd before a further Provision is made by this House is a Manifest Missapplication (sic) of Publick Money and in Some Cases Contrary to the Express Purposes for Which Such Sums were Provided—

Committee appointed to Consider ways and means to Raise a Sum Sufficient to defray the Expences of the current Year and the Arrearages of the Last.

Motion, being made that a Committee be appointed to Consider Ways and means to raise a Sum sufficient to Defray the Expences of the Current Year and the Arrearages of the Last

ORDERED that Mr Tannat M^r McKeithen Mr Butler Mr Graham & Mr Willm Gibbons be that Committee

ORDERED that the order of the day be adjourned over till Tomorrow Morning—

And then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday April 15th 1761—

Mr Tannat from the Committe (sic) appointed to Consider ways and means to raise A Sum of Money Sufficient to defray the Expences of the Current Year and the Arrearages of the Last, Reported that they had come to Severall resolutions which they had Directed him to report to the House when the House wou'd be pleas'd to receive the Same

The said Committee make the Report—

ORDERED that the said report be now made Then Mr Tannat read the resolutions in his place and Afterwards deliverd them in at the Table where the Same Were again read and are as follows, Vizt

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that the Sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Forty Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings be Raised by A General Tax in the following Manner, that is to Say,

	£		
On Three Hundred and Twenty Thousand Acres of Land @ 2/6 ₩ 100 Acres	400..	–..	–
On Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Negroes @ 2/6 ₩ head..	468..	15..	–
On Lotts in Savannah	27..	12..	–

	£		
On £42000 Stock in Trade @ 7/6 ℔ C £.....	157..	10..	–
On £755 Money at Interest @ 14/ ℔ C	5..	5..	8
On Seven Thousand Head of Black Cattle @ 1[d] ℔ head	28..	3..	4
On the Proffitts of Faculties and Professions (Clergy Excepted) Factorage and handy Craft Trades, Supposed to be £2000 a 2½ ℔ C	50..	–..	–
On Money arising from Annuities fifty Pounds @ five ℔ c[t]	2..	10..	–
On free Negroes Mullatoes & Mustees who do not pay any other duty Supp[d] 20 @ 5[s]/ each	5..	–..	–
	£1144..	16..	–

Motion being made that the report of the Committee to consider ways and means for repairing the Light House on Tybee Island be read to the House the same was rad [sic] accordingly

Motion being made that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Report According to the order of the day—

RESOLVED that this House do immediately Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to Consider of the said Report,

The House resolve into a Committee upon the report of the Committee to Consider Ways and Means to repair the light House

The House resolved into a Committee accordingly and after some [sic] spent therein M[r] Speaker resumed the Chair and M[r] Deveaux from the Committee reported that they had Come to a Resolution which they had Directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his

place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read and is as followeth

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of the Committee of the Whole House that the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be Granted for repairing the light House and Charges of Issuing the same by Certificates to be sunk in five Years by a Tax on Transient Trade at the Rate of Seven & a half on every Hundred Pounds Value bro^t into this Province

and agree thereto

The said Resolution being again read was agreed to by the House

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for Laying a Tax of Seven and half per cent on transient Trade and applying the Same towards repairing The Light House on Tybee Light Island

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for laying a Tax on Transient Trade

ORDERED That Doct^r Johnson, Mr Reead (sic) and Mr Graham be a Committee to Prepare & bring in the same

Motion being made that any Person upon application to the Clerk of this House may Peruse the Journals of the Same, and have a Copy of them Certified by the Clerk upon Paying him Eight pence for Every Search and four Pence for Every Copy Sheet copied out, the same was ordered accordingly, and that the Clerk of this House do Publish the said Order by Putting up an advertisement thereof at the Watch House

Motion being made the (sic) the Report of the Committee Appointed to Consider of ways and means to raise the Sum of money Sufficient to Defray the Expences of the Current Year and the Arrears of the Last, be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the Whole House—

RESOLVED That this House will Immediately Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House upon the said Report.

The House resolve into a Committee upon the report of the Committee to Consider ways and means to Defray the Expenses of the Current Year and the arrears of the Last

The House Resolv'd itself into a Committee Accordingly and after Some time spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Report into Consideration and were of Opinion that the further Consideration thereof should be deferred untill this House shou'd be particularly informed what Quantity of Land is Granted in this Province—

RESOLVED that the further Consideration of the said report be defer'd untill this House shall be particularly informed what quantity of Land is Granted in this Province—

Motion being made that for the future whenever this House shall resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House Mr Speaker shall appoint a Chair Man

Mr. Speaker to appoint a Chair man for the future when the House shall resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED that for the future whenever this House shall resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House Mr Speaker shall appoint a Chairman—

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for Granting to his Majesty a Duty and Imposition on Negroes and Liquors for the use of the Public of this Province

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for Granting A Duty on Negroes and Liqeurs. (sic)

ORDERED that Mr McKeithen Mr Carter & Mr Butler be a Committee to Prepare & bring in the Same

Motion being made that no leave shall be given to bring in a Bill Dureing the Present Session of Assembly after Monday Next—

No Bill to be Brought in dureing this Session after Monday Next

RESOLVED that no leave shall be given to bring a Bill into this House dureing the Present Session of Assembly after Monday Next—

Letters from Edward Barnard Esqr. read

Two Letters from Edward Barnard Esqr were Read, desireing to be excused from his Service in Assembly Dureing this Session for Reasons therein Mention'd,

RESOLVED that the Excuses in the said Letters Contained are insufficient and that Mr Barnard be not allowed the Leave of absence he requests—

ORDERED that the Clerk of this House do Inform Mr Barnord (sic) of the said Resolution by Letter

and then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday the 16th of April 1761—

The Bill for Raising a Sum of Money for the repair of Tybee Light House by a Tax upon Transient (sic) read the first time—

Doctr Johnson from the Committee appointed to Bring in a Bill for Raising a Sum of Money for the repair of Tybee Light House by A Tax upon Transient Traders, Reported they had prepared the same which was received and Read the first Time and ordered to be read a Second time

Mr. Ewen informs the House of the Quantity of Land Granted in this Province

Mr Ewen informed the House that Mr Speaker and Himself who were desired to enquire what Quantity of Land is Granted in this Province had made that enquiry and found that Three Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Nine Hundred and forty Four Acres of Land were Granted in this Province—

Motion being made that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to Consider The Report of the Committee appointed to Consider of Ways and Means to Raise a Sum of Money Sufficient to defray the Expences of the Current Year and the Arrears of the Last

The House Resolve into a Committee further to Consider the Report of the Committee to consider Ways and Means to Raise a Sum of Money Sufficient to defray the Expences of the Current Year and the Arrears of the Last and come to Several Resolutions thereupon

The House resolved itself into a Committee Accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Joseph Gibbons Reported they had taken the said report into Consideration and had come to Several Resolutions thereupon and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to sit again

RESOLVED that This House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to Consider the Report of the Commttee (sic) appointed to Consider of Ways and means to raise a Sufficient Sum of Money

to Defray the Expences of the Current Year and the Arrears of The Last on Monday Next—

Message from the Council that they had passed a Bill to Continue Several Acts for Regulateing the Militia with Some amendments.

A Message from the Council by the Master in Chancery that they Had Passed a Bill intitled an Act to Continue Sverall Acts for Regulating the Millitia (sic) in the Province of Georgia With some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

That they had also passed a Bill for amending an Act for the Better regulateing the Town of Savannah.

That they had also passed a Bill Intitled an act for amending an act Intitled an Act for the Better regulateing the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common Thereunto Belonging With some amendments to which they also desire the Concurrence of this House

The Committee to bring in A Bill for granting a Duty on Negroes &c report they have prepared the Same.

Mr McKeithen from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for Granting to His Majesty a Duty and Imposition on Negroes and Liquors for the use of the publick of this Province, Reported they Had prepared the Same

Motion being made that the said Bill be Received and read the first time this Morning and another Motion being made that the said Bill be read on Monday Next and a Debate arising thereon and the Question being put, it was Carried for the Latter—

RESOLVED that the said Bill be read on Monday Next and then the House adjourned till Tomorrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday the 17th of April 1761

The House met according to adjourment (sic) and then adjourned till Tomorrow morning Nine OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday the 18th of April 1761

The House met according to adjourment (sic) and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday the 20th of April 1761

The Bill for granting to His Majesty A Duty on Negroes &c. Read the first time

The Bill intitled an Act for Granting to his Majesty A Duty and imposition on Negroes and Liquors for the use of the Publick of this Province was read the first time

on Motion that the said Bill should be read a Second time the Same was rejected.

Motion being made that the said Bill be rejected and another Motion being made that the said Bill be read a Second time and a Debate arising thereon and the question being put it was Carried for the former

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill to lay a Duty Equal to A prohibition to Prevent the Importation of seasoned Negroes into this Province—

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to lay a Duty to prevent the importation of Seasoned Negroes.

ORDERED that Doctr Johnson Mr Graham & Mr Wood be a Committee to Prepare and bring in the Same—

The House took into consideration the amendments by the Counil (sic) to the Bill intitled an Act to Continue Several Acts for regulateing the Militia of the Province of Georgia have agreed to some and Disagreed to others.

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Council by Mr Read—

Honourable Gentlemen

Message to the Council—

This House haveing taken into Consideration the amendments made by Your Honors to the Bill intitled an Act to Continue Several Acts for regulating the Militia of the Province of Georgia have agreed to Some and Disagreed to others this House therefore desires you'l please to appoint a Committee of your House to Join a Committee of this House in a Conferrence upon a Subject Matter of the said amendments and if Your Honors please to Join therein, this House desires youl appoint Your Number time and place

Commons House of Assembly the 20th April 1761.

The House took into consideration the amendments made by the Council to the Bill intitled an Act to amend an Act intitled an Act for the Better regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Commons thereunto belonging and agreed to Some and disagreed to others.

ORDERED that the following Messages (sic) be sent to the Council by Mr Read.

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Council

This House haveing taken into Consideration the amendments made by your Honors to the Bill intitled an Act for amending an Act Intitled an Act for the better regulating the Town of Savannah and ascertaining the Commons thereunto Belonging have agreed to some and disagreed to others, This House therefore desires You'l please to appoint a Committee of your House to Join a Committee of this House in Conferrence upon the Subject matter of the said amendments and if your Honor please to Join therein, this house desires youl appoint your Number time and place

Commons House of Assembly April the 20th 1761.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill to Establish a Ferry Over great Ogechee River and to Vest the Same in Mr John Deveaux for the Space of Seven Years pursuant to an agreement made between the Commissioners for the South West Road and the said John Deveaux and to settle the rates of Ferriage—

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to Establish a ferry Over Great Ogeachee River &c.

ORDERED that Mr Read Mr James Deveaux and Mr Butler be a Committee to prepare & bring in ye Same

Motion being Made to appoint a Committee to Bring in a Bill to amend an Act intitled an Act to prevent Private Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and to prevent persons traiding (sic) with them without Licanse (sic)

Committee appointed to bring in A Bill to amend an Act to prevent private Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians &c.

ORDERED that Mr Tannatt Mr Francis and Mr Keithen do prepare and bring in the Same—

Motion being made that a committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for Laying out the commons west of the Town of Savannah into Lotts and Dissposing of the same for building a House for the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province Another Motion being made that no Leave be given to bring in Such a Bill, and a Debate arising thereon and the Question being put it was Carried for the Latter.

A Message from the Council by the Master in Chancery

Upper House 20th of April 1761.

Mr Speaker

Message from the Upper House.

In answer to your message of this day desiring this House to appoint a Committee of Conferrence to Join a Committee of your House on the Subject matter of

the amendments made by this House to the Bill Intitled an Act, Continuing Severall Acts for regulating the Militia in this Province of Georgia This House doth agree thereto and hath appointed a Committee Accordingly to meet in the room adjoining the Council Chamber Imediately—

Committee

The Honorable, Noble Jones and James Edward Powell Esquires

Upper House April the 20th 1761.

Mr Speaker

Message from the upper House

In answer to your message of this day desiring this House to appoint a Committee of Conferrence to Join a Committee of Your House on the Subject Matter of the amendments made by this House to the bill Intitled an Act for amending an Act for the Better regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Commons thereunto belonging, this House doth agree thereto & hath appointed a Committee accordingly to meet in the room Adjoining the Council Chamber at four OClock this Afternoon

Committee

The Honorable { Noble Jones, James Habersham, & William Knox } Esquires

And then the House adjourned till tomorrow Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday April 21st 1761.

The Surveyors General ordered to prepare a plan of the Town and Commons of Savannah to be Annexed to the Act for better regu'ateing the Town of Savannah.

Motion being made that an Order be Issued from this House to the Surveyors General of this Province to prepare a plan of the Town and Common (sic) of Savannah to be annexed to the Act Intitled an Act for amending an Act intitled an Act for the Better regulating the Town of Savannah and ascertaining the Commons thereunto belonging.

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do issue an order accordingly

The Bill for Laying a Duty on Seasoned Negroes read the first time.

Doctr Johnson from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for Laying a Duty on Seasoned Negroes imported into this Province, reported the Committee had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time tomorrow Morning.

The Bill for repairing the Light House Read the Second time

The Bill intitled an Act for raising a Sum of Money for the repairing the Light House on Tybee Island by a Tax upon Transient Traders was read the second time

Motion was made that the said Bill be Rejected and the Question being put it passed in the Affirmative

Motion being made that a Clause be Aded (sic) to provide for the repair of the Light House on Tybee Island be added to the Bill intiteled (sic) an Act for Laying a Duty on Seasoned Negroes imported for the Sale into this Province.

ORDERED that the Consideration of that motion be deferred till the said Bill shall be read a Second time

sage from Upper House with the Petition of the Setlers above Augusta.

A Message from the Council by the Master in Chancery acquainting the House that a Petition had been Presented to His Honor the Governor and Council by Severall Persons whose names were thereunto subscribed, Setting Forth, that the Petitioners were for Severall Years Setled Upon the Waters of the River Savannah above Augusta Where most of them had Lands Granted to them according to their family Rights upon which they planted considerable Quantitys of Grain and were possesed (sic) of good stocks of Cattle Horses and Hogs on which they Lived very Comfortably and would soon have been able to raise all Kinds of Provision for Sale

That by order of the Government they were obliged to remove off from their Plantations in December One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine, and by the Succeeding (sic) Troubles with the Indians, Constrained to remain in Augusta ever Since where many of them have died of Sickness— That they Lived the past year on what Grain and Cattle they Brought to Augusta with them, allways in hopes of affairs being Setled with the Indians and of haveing permission to return to their respective (sic) Habitations, but as there is no apperance (sic) of that event soon happening, they see themselves reduced to the Most deplorable Situation destitute of Lands to plant on and of all other means of Substitance (sic) their Cattle and Horses being Mostly all drove off and destroyed by the Indians.

They are therefore under the dissagreeable (sic) Necessity of Troubling your Honors with an acco[t] of this their Situation Prayer (sic) that their Case may be taken under Consideration and that such relief and Assisstance (sic) might be granted as the Govenor (sic) The Honorable Council and this House shou'd think nescessary (sic)

ORDERED that the said Petition do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of this House—

The House resolve into a Committee upon the report of the Committee of Ways and means to defray the Expence of the Current Year and the Arrears of the Last.

The House resolv'd itself into a Committee of the whole House and took into further consideration the report of the committee appointed to Consider Ways and means to raise a Sum sufficient to Defray the Expence of the Current Year and the Arrears of the Last and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee reported they had taken the said report into further Consideration and had come to Several Resolutions thereupon, and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to Consider the said Report tomorrow Morning.

The Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill to continue Several Acts for regulateing the Militia agreed to.

Mr Deveaux from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the Upper House in confference (sic) upon the Subject matter of the amendments made by the upper House to the Bill intitled An Act to Continue Several Acts for regulateing (sic) the Militia in the Provinc (sic) of Georgia, Reported that they had agreed to The Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bill

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committee to the said report

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the upper house.

Commons House of Assembly
the 21st of April 1761

Honorable Gentlemen

Upon report of the Committee of this House appoint-

Message to the Upper House

ed to Join a Committee of Your House in Conferrence upon the subject Matter of the amendments made by your House to the Bill intitled an Act to Continue severall Acts for regulating the Militia in the Province of Georgia this House doth agree with their committee to the said Amendments.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday the 22d April 1761.

The Bill for laying a Duty on Seasoned Negroes read the second time

The Bill intitled an Act for Laying a Duty equal to a prohibition on Seasoned Negroes imported into this province was read a second time.

Motion being made that the Title of the said Bill be altered and that the Title of the said Bill, A (sic) Bill intitled an Act for raising and granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds Sterling to repair the Light House on Tybee Island by a Duty on Negroes that Have been above six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for Sale into this Province.

The Title of the Bill altered

RESOLVED that the Title of the said Bill be A Bill intitled an Act for raising and granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds Sterlg to repair the Light House on Tybee Island by a Duty on Negroes that have been above Six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for Sale into this Provinve.

Committee of the Whole House consider further of the Report of the Committee of Ways and Means &c

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the report of the Committee appointed to Consider Ways and means to raise a Sum of Money Sufficient to Defray the Expences of the Current Year and the Arrears of the Last and after some time spent

therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee reported they had taken the said Report into further Consideration and come to some further resolutions thereupon and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said report further to Consider thereof in the afternoon

Message from the upper House With the Attachment Bill passed with amendments.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery Acquainting the House that they had passed a Bill intitled an Act for Subjecting and makeing liable to attachment the Estate Real and Personal of Absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province with some amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

and then the House adjourned till three O Clock in the afternoon

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The Bill for Raising £180 to repair the Light House by A Duty on Negroes that have been above Six Months in any of the plantations and imported for Sale. taken into Consideration.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House and took into Consideration the Bill Intitled an Act for raising and Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds Sterling to repair the Light house on Tybee Island by a Duty on Negroes that have been above Six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for Sale into this Province, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Francis from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration & gone through part thereof and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a

Committee of the whole House further to Consider the said Bill tomorrow Morning.

ORDERED that the Order of the day be adjourned Over till tomorow (sic) Morning.

And then this House Adjourned till To morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday April 23. 1761.

Report of the Commttte of the Whole House upon the report of the Committee of Ways and means &c.

The House resolved into a Committee of the Whole House and took into further Consideration the Report of the Committee to Consider Ways and means to raise a Sum of Money sufficient to defray the Expences of the Current Year and the Arrears of the Last and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Report and come to several Resolutions thereupon which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Report in at the Table where the same again (sic) read and (sic) as follows Vizt .

Mr Speaker

The Committee of the whole House haveing taken into Consideration the report of the Committee appointed to consider Ways and means to raise a Sum of Money sufficient to Defray the expences of the Current Year and the arrears of the Last, and have come to the following Resolutions thereupon Vizt

RESOLVED that the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Ffty three pounds five shillings be granted to his Majesty for defraying the Charges of Holding

the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other necessary Expences of Government to be raised and Levied in manner following—

RESOLVED that there be a Tax of Two shillings and Six Pence for every Hundred Acres Levied on all Lands Holden or Possessed by Warrant or Grant, Supposed three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Acres

four Hundred and Thirty Seven Pounds Ten Shillings

RESOLVED that there be a Tax on all Negroes and other Slaves, of Two Shillings and Six Pence a Head, Supposed Four Thousand Head

five Hundred Pounds.

RESOLVED that there be a Tax of Seven Shillings and Six Pence for every Hundred Pounds Value be Laid on all Lotts in the Town of Savannah, Hardwick, Sunbury, Ebenezer Augusta and Frederica, Wharf Lots included and the Sum of five Shillings Sterl^g for Every Hundred Pounds Value of the Buildings and Improvements thereon,

Eighty Pounds.

And the Sum of four Shillings for every Hundred pounds Value of all the Lotts laid out on the Lands Commonly called Yamacraw and the Trustees Gardens and the sum of two Shillings for every Hundred pounds Value of the buildings & improvements thereunto

Twenty Pounds.

RESOLVED that the sum of Seven Shillings and Six Pence be levied on Every Hundred Pounds Value of Stock in Trade which shall be rated upon the first Cost of all Goods wares and Merchantdize (sic) in the place where Bought, Goods sold by Transient Persons Exported (sic).

One Hundred Fifty Seven Pounds ten Shillings Sterl[g]

RESOLVED that the Sum of Two Pounds ten Shillings be levied on every Hundred Pounds Value of all goods imported for Sale into this Province by transient persons

Fifty Pounds

RESOLVED that a Tax of ten Shillings be levied on Every Hundred Pounds let at Intrest, Computed to be Seven Hundred and fifty Pounds

Three Pounds fifteen Shillings Sterl[g]

RESOLVED that four Pounds be levied on every Hundred Pounds Sterl[g] arising from Annuities

Two Pounds

RESOLVED that the sum of One Pounds (sic) be Levied on every Hundred Pounds Values of Faculties profession (the Clergy excepted) and Handy craft trades in this Province

Fifty Pounds

RESOLVED that free Negroes Mullattoes Mestizoes (sic) pay a Tax of Ten Shillings Ster[lg] a Head (Children of Sixteen Years of Age excepted)

Ten Pounds

RESSOLVED (sic) that the sum of Six pence be levied on every Steer, four pence on every Cow and Two pence on Every Calf sold for Slaughter or to go out of the Province

Twenty Five Pounds

RESOLVED that a Tax of Two Shillings and six pence pr Wheel be laid on all Chariotts Coaches Chaises and Chairs kept for use in this province

Seventeen pounds Ten Shillings

Whole amount One Thousand three Hundred & fifty three pounds and five Shillings

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with the Committee to the said report

Motion being made that the publick Treasurer do lay before this House an account of what Savings of the Last Years Tax remain in his Hands

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do Issue an Order accordingly

The Bill for repairing the light House with some amendments agreed to.

The House resolv'd into a Committee of the whole House and took into further Consideration the Bill intiteled (sic) an Act for raising and Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty pounds Sterlg to repair the Light House on Tybee Island by a Duty on Negroes that have been above Six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America imported for Sale in this Province and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Wood from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and Made Several Amendments therto (sic) and he read the amendments in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House,

ORDERED that the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed

ORDERED that Mr Graham have Leave of Absence from the Service of this House Tomorrow

and then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday the 24 of April 1761

The Treasurer lays before the House the Savings of the Last Years Tax

The Public Treasurer Laid before the House according to Order an Acco[t] of the Savings remaining in his Hands of the Last Years Tax

ORDERED that the said acco[t] do lie upon the table to be perused by the Members of the House

The amendments made by the Upper House to the Attachment Bill considered

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House and took into consideration the amendments made by the upper House to the Bill intitled an Act for subjecting and makeing liable to Attachment the Estate real and personal of Absent Debtors in the Custody or power of any Person or Persons within this Province and agreed to some and disagreed to others.

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Upper House by M[r] Francis.

Commons House of Assembly
the 24th of April 1761

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House

This House Haveing taken into Consideration the Amendments made by your House to the Bill intitled an Act for Subjecting and makeing Liable to Attachment the Estate real and personal of Absent Debtors in the Custody or power of any person or persons within this Province, have agreed to soome (sic) and disagreed to Others, this House therefore desires you'l please to appoint a Committee of your House to Join a Committee of this House in a Conferrence upon the Subject Matter of the said Amendments and if Your Honors please to Join therein this House desires youl appoint Your Number time and place.

Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Tax Bill.

Motion being made that a Committee be appoin ed to Prepare and bring in a Bill for raising and Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One thousand One Hundred and Sixty Pounds fifteen Shillings and applying the Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds being the Surplus of the Last Years Tax remaining in the Hands of the Public Treasurer amounting together to the Sum of One Thousand three Hundred and Thirty Pounds Fifteen Shillings Sterl^{g} to defray the Charges of Holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Necessary expence of Government

ORDERED that Mr Kennan, Mr Tannat, Doct^{r} Johnson Mr Read and Mr Wood be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

ORDERED that Mr Read have Leave of absence from the Service of this House till Wednesday next.

and then the House adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday the 25th of April 1761

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning at Ten of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday the 27th of April 1761

ORDERED That Mr Mc Keithen have leave to go into the Country for three Weeks upon extraordinary Occasions.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery,

Upper House of Assembly
ye 27th of April 1761

Mr Speaker

Message from the Upper House

In answer to your Message dated the twenty Fourth Intt (sic) desiring this House to appoint a Committee of Conference to Join a Committee of your House on the Subject Matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill intitled an Act for Subjecting and makeing Liable to Attachment the Estate real and personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or power of any person or persons within this Province: this House doth agree thereto and hath appointed a Committee accordingly to meet in the room adjoining the Council Chamber to morrow Morning Eleven O Clock.

Committee.

The Honorable { William Knox, William Clifton, Jas Edward Powell } Esquires

Committee appointed to confer with a Committee upon the amendments made to the Attachment Bill.

ORDERED that Mr Johnson, Mr Tannatt, Mr Wood, Mr Graham and Mr Read be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Upper House in Confferrence (sic) upon the Subject Matter of the amendments made by the upper House to the Bill intitled an Act for Subjecting and makeing Liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons Within this Province.

And then the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday the 28th of April 1761

Mr. Barnard takes the Oaths and his Seat as A member of Assembly—

Edward Barnard Esqr returned Representative for the Parish of Saint Paul attended His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the declarations and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration pursuant to the Laws made for those purposes, and being returned took his Seat as a Member of this House

RESOLVED that after a Question shall be put and the House divided, and the Speaker has declared for Which side it is Carried that that Question shall not be put again

ORDERED that Mr William Gibbons have leave of absence till Tomorrow Morning

Report of the Committee to confer upon the Amendments to the Attachment Bill.

Doctr Johnson from the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the upper House on the Subject matter of the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intitled an Act for Subjecting and makeing Liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or power of any Person or Persons within this province Reported they had agreed to all the amendments save the two Last Marked W and X

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr Barnard,

Commons House of Assembly
April the 28th 1761

Honorable Gentlemen

Upon report of the Committee of Conferrence re-

Message to the Upper House

specting the Amendments made by your House to the Bill Intitled an Act for Subjecting and makeing Liable to Attachment the Estate real and personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province, this House doth agree to all the said Amendments except the two Last Marked W and X to which they Cannot agree

Mr. Barnard lays an Accot. before the House.

Mr Barnard Laid before the House an Account of Guns and ammunition provided by him for the protection of Germany's fort on Application of the Magistrates of Augusta

RESOLVED that no acco^t shall hereafter be received by this House to be provided for in the Estimate of the Expences of the present Year

RESOLVED that Mr Barnard's acco^t do lie upon the Table to be perused by the members of this House.

and then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday the 29th of April 1761

The Surveyors of the Publick Roads ordered to lay their Accounts before the House.

Motion being made that the Surveyors appointed by the Act for Explaining and amending an Act to impower the Several Surveyors therein named to lay out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia do lay before this House an Acco^t of what Moneys have arisen by fines Levied on such of the Inhabitants of Savannah as have Neglected or refused to work on the said Town and the Common therto belonging pursuant to the Directions of the said Act

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do Issue an order Accordingly

The House took into Consideration the acco^t laid before the House Yesterday by Mr Barnard.

Motion being made that the said Acco^t be dissallowed Another Motion being made that the said Acco^t be allowed A Debate arising thereon, and the Question being put it passed in the Negative.

and then the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday the 30th of April 1761

The Bill to repair the Light House Read the third time

The Ingrossed Bill intitled an Act for Raising and Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds to repair the Light House on Tybee Island by a Duty on Negroes that have been above Six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for Sale into this province was read the third time.

and pass'd

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass.

ORDERED that Mr William Gibbons do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire theire (sic) Concurrence thereto

Clerk of the General Court orderd to lay the Records before the House.

Motion being made that the Clerk of the General Court do lay before this House the records of the said Court

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do issue an order accordingly

The Bill for Sinking Wells Read the third time

The ingrossed Bill intitled an Act for Sinking a Number of Wells in the Town of Savannah and for provideing fire Bucketts was read the third time.

and pass'd

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

ORDERED that Mr Kennan do Carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

A Message from the Upper House by the master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly
the 30th of April 1761

Mr Speaker

Message from the upper House

This House haveing taken into Consideration Your Message of the 28h Instant, and also the Report of the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of your House on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intitled an Act for Subjecting and makeing Liable to Attachment the Estate real and Personal of Absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province do adhere to the amendments marked W and X made by this House to the said Bill.

RESOLVED that this House will take into Consideration the said message to morrow morning

ORDERED, that Mr Francis have leave of absence from the Service of this House till Monday Next.

And then the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday the 1st of May 1761

The Tax Bill Read the first Time.

Mr Kennan from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for raising and Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Pounds fifteen Shillings and applying the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds being Surplus of the Last Years Tax Remaining in the Hands of the Publick treasurer amounting together to the Sum One Thousand three Hundred and Thirty Pounds fifteen Shillings to Defray the Charges of Holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other necessary Expences of Government, Reported they had prepared the same Which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time on Thursday Morning Next

Motion being made and the Question being put that the said Bill be drawn agreeable to the Estimate and the Ways and means to Defray the Expences of the Current Year and the arrears of the Last, resolved upon by this House and that the same shall not be altered in Substance.

it passed in the affirmative

a Resolution of the House upon the Said Bill—

RESOLVED that the said Bill be drawn Agreeable to the Estimate and the Ways and means to defray the Expences of the Current Year and the Arrears of the last resolved upon by this House, and that the same shall not be Altered in Substance.

Message from the upper House upon the Attachment Bill Considered

The House took into Consideration the Message from the Upper House according to Order, respecting the two Last Amendments made by the upper House to the Bill intitled an Act for Subjecting and making Liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of Absent Debtors

in the Custody or power of any person or persons within this Province.

ORDERED that the following Message be Sent to the Council by Mr Read—

Commons House of Assembly
May the 1st 1761—

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House

This House haveing taken into Consideration Your Message of Yesterday, and also the Message of the 28th of April sent by this House to your Honors Respecting the two last Amendments marked W and X made by Your House to the Bill intitled an Act for Subjecting and making liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Pernsons within this Province desires your Honors will please to Join this House in a Conferrence on the Subject Matter of the said two last Amendments, and if Your Honors please to Join therein, this House desires you'l appoint Your time and place

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday May 2d 1761

The House met according to adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday Morning at Ten of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday the 4th May 1761

The House met according to adjournment and then Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine O Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday May the 5th 1761

The House met according to adjournment and then Adjourned till to Morrow Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday May 6th 1761

The House met according to adjournment and then Adjourned till to morrow Morning ten O Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday May 7th 1761.

The Tax Bill Read the Second time—

The Bill intitled an Act for raising and granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Pounds fifteen Shillings, and applying the sum of one Hundred and Seventy Pounds being Surplus of the Last Years Tax Remaining in the Hands of the Public Treasuser (sic) amounting Together to the sum of One Thousand three Hundred and thirty Pounds fifteen Shillings Sterlg, to defray the Charges of Holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other necessary Expences of Government, was read a Second Time

RESOLVED, that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House upon the said Bill to Morrow Morning

Mr. Wylly takes the Oaths and his Seat as a Member of Assembly

Alexander Wylly Esqr returned Representative for the Parish of Saint George Attended His Honor the Governor and took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the Dec-

laration and took and Subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration, pursuant to the Laws made for those Purposes, and being returned took His seat as a member of this House.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday May 8th 1761.

The Bill for Establishing A Ferry at pine Bluff read the first time.

Mr Read from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for Establishing a Ferry Over Great Ogechee River at a Place Called Pine Bluff and Vesting the same in John Deveaux Esqr His Executors and administrators for the Space of Seven Years, Reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time

The Tax Bill Considered by a Committee of the Whole House

The House resolved into a Committee of the Whole House and took into Consideration the Bill intitled an Act for Raising and Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Thousand one Hundred and Sixty Pounds fifteen Shillings and applying the Sum of one Hundred and seventy Pounds being surplus of the Last Years Tax Remaining in the Hands of the Publick Treasurer, amounting together to the Sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds Sterls to Defray the Charges of Holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Necessary expences of Government and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr William Gibbons from the Committee Reported, they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made some progress therein, but some difficulties Arising Upon the resolution of this House come to on Friday Last Vizt That the said Bill be drawn agreeable to the Estimate, and the ways and means to raise a Sum Sufficient to defray the Expence of

the Current Year—and the Arrears of the Last, resolved upon by this House, and that the same should not be altered in Substance, the Committee desired the Opinion of the House upon the said Resolution of Friday Last—

The House took the said report into Immediate Consideration and came to the following Resolution thereupon

Resolution of the House upon the Report of the Committee of the Whole House upon the Tax Bill.

RESOLVED that Notwithstanding the Resolution of this House on Friday Last That the Bill Intitled an Act for raising and Granting to His Majesty the Sum of one Thousand one Hundred and Sixty Pounds fifteen Shillings and Applying the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds being Surplus of the Last Years Tax remaining in the Hands of the Public Treasurer amounting together to the Sum of One Thousand three Hundred and thirty Pounds fifteen Shill^gs Sterl^g to defray the Expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Necessary Expence of Government, Should be drawn agreeable to the Estimate and the ways and means to raise a Sum Sufficient to defray the Expences of the Current Year and the Arrears of the Last, resolved Upon by this House, and that the same shou'd not be altered in Substance This House hath an undoubted Right to make any alteration in the said Bill at any time before the same Passed this House

Report of the Committee of Conference upon the amendments to the Bill to amend an Act for better regulateing the Town of Savannah

Mr Tannat from the Committee appointed to Confer with a Committee of the Upper House on the Subject Matter of the amendments made by the upper House to the Bill intitled an Act to amend an Act intitled an Act for better Regulating the Town of Savannah and ascertaining the Common (sic) thereunto belonging, Reported that it was agreed bythe JointCommitteeof Both Houses, that directions Should be given by a Committee of Both Houses to the Surveyors General to make a plan of the Town of Savannah from a Survey agreeable to the Orig-

inal plan describing all the Lotts Streets Squares and Lanes of the said Town

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committee to the said Report

Then the House adjourned till three of the Clock in the afternoon –

The Tax Bill further Considered.

The House resolved into a Committee of the Whole House and took into further Consideration the bill intitled an Act for raising and granting to his Majesty the Sum of One thousand one Hundred and sixty Pounds fifteen Shillings and applying the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds being Surplus of the Last Years Tax remaining in the Hands of the Publick Treasurer amounting together to the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and thirty pounds fifteen Shillings Sterl[g] to defray the Charges of holding the Courts of Oyer & Terminer and other Necessary Expence of Government, and after some time spent therein M[r] Speaker resumed the Chair and M[r] William Gibbons from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and made some further Progress therein, and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to sit again

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to Conider (sic) the said Bill on Monday Morning Next

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday the 9th May 1761

The House met according to adjourment (sic) and then Adjourned till Monday Morning ten OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday May 11th 1761

The Bill for Establishing a ferry at pine Bluff read the second time.

The Bill Intitled an Act for Establishing a Ferry Over Great Ogeachece (sic) River at a place Called pine Bluff and for Vesting the same in John Deaveaux (sic) Esqr His Heirs and assigns for the space of Seven Years was read a Second time

taken into Consideration by Committee of the Whole House.

Motion being made that this House do Immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration—

The House resolved into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Baillie from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through part thereof and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to sit again

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House Further to consider of the said Bill to Morrow Morning

ORDERED that the order of the day be adjourn'd Over till Tomorrow Morning

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday May 12th 1761

The ferry Bill further considered

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House and took into further Consideration the Bill intitled An Act for Establishing a Ferry Over Great Ogeechee River at a place Called Pine Bluff and Vesting the same in John Deveaux his Heirs and assigns for the Space of Seven Years and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Baillie from the Committee Reported they had gone through the Same and made Several Amendments thereto which they had directed (sic) to Report to the House when the House would be pleased to receive the Same

ORDERED that the said report be now made

Agreed to with Amendments

Then Mr Baillie in his place read the same and Afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read.

ORDERED that the said Bill with the amendments be ingrossed, and that the Titles of the said Bill be a Bill intitled an Act for Establishing A Ferry over Great OGeachee River at a place called Pine Bluff and for Vesting the same in John Deaveaux (sic) Esqr his Exors and Admors for the Space of Six Years, and to impower the Commissioners herein after Named to Superintend the Same

The Tax Bill further consider'd

The House Resolved into a Committee of the Whole House and took into Further Consideration the Bill Intitled An Act for raising and Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Pounds fifteen shillings and applying the Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds being surplus of the Last

Years Tax remaining in the Hands of the Publick Treasurer amounting together to the Sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds fifteen Shillings Sterling to defray the Charges of Holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Necessary Expences of Government and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr William Gibbons from the Committee reported they had further Considered the said Bill and made some further Progress therein and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to Consider the said Bill at four of the Clock in ye Aternoon

Further Considered

The House resolved into A Committee of the whole House, and took into further Consideration the Bill Intitl'd an Act for raising and Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Thousand one Hundred and Sixty Pounds fifteen shillings and applying the Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds being Surplus of the Last Years Tax Remaining in the Hands of the Publick Treasurer amounting together to the Sum of One Thousand three Hundred and Thirty Pounds fifteen shillings Sterlg to defray the Charges of Holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and Other Necessary Expences of Government, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr William Gibbons from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideation (sic) and made Some further Progress therein and that he was directed by the said Committee to Move for Leave to sit again—

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to Consider the said Bill to Morrow Morning

Wednesday 13th May 1761

Further Considered.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House and took into further Consideration the Bill intitled an Act for raising and granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Pounds fifteen Shillings and applying the Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds being Surplus of the Last Years Tax remaining in the Hands of the Publick Treasurer amounting together to the Sum of One Thousand three Hundred and thirty Pounds fifteen Shillings Sterl^g to defray the Charges of Holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Necessary Expences of Government, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr William Gibbons from the Committee, reported the (sic) had further Considered the said Bill and made some further Progress therein and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to Sit again

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to Consider the said Bill to Morrow Morning—

The Ferry Bill Read the third time.

The Bill intitled an Act for Establishing A ferry over great Ogeachee river at a place called Pine Bluff and for Vesting the Same in John Deveaux Esqr his adm^ors and Ex^ors for the Space of Six Years and to impower the Commissioners therein Named to Superintend the same was read the third time—

and pass'd

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Wood do carry up the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence therto (sic)

Thursday the 14th of May 1761

Memorial of Joseph Wright Read.

A Memorial of Joseph Wright was presented to the House and read, setting forth that on the Twentieth of June One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty, Soon after The Upper Creeks had murdered ten of our Traders Plundered all the Stores in their Country and ready to Join the Cherokees in open War against this and the Neighbouring Province, Your Memorialist at this time of imminet (sic) danger was Earnestly intreat'd by His Excellency Governor Ellis and other Gentlemen to go on an Embassy to the Lower and upper Creeks to endeavour if possible to quiet the Minds of the Indians and put a Stop to the Storm that then apparently threatened this Province—

That your Memorialist not putting his life in Competition with the safety and service of his Country did chearfully undertake this Service and did set out with a Number of Indians for the upper Creek Country where by the Governors Commands he Continued Six Months Constantly attending a Meeting of the Headmen and Rideing to and from the upper and lower Creeks to sound their dispositions and send the Necessary intelligence to the Governor

That your Memorialist besides the Risque of his life and the Loss of his time in order to make the Better disspatch did by the Governors Orders supply the Indians with Seven Horses four of which was intirely Lost, That during the Six Months your Memorialist was employed in this Service, he was at a very Considerable Expence being under a Ncessity (sic) of Keeping Two Hirelings to Hunt and look after his Horses and Several of them Lost—

Therefore hopes your Honorable House will be Pleased to take his Case into Consideration and grant to him such

relief as shall seem to you (sic) meet of your Memorialist as in Duty Bound will over (sic) pay &c

JOSEPH WRIGHT

Motion being made that the said Memorial be taken into Consideration when the Committee of the Whole House make their Report upon the Bill intitled an Act for raising and Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Pounds fifteen shillings and applying the Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds being Surplus of the Last Years Tax remaining in the hands of the Publick Treasurer amounting together to the Sum of One Thousand three Hundred and thirty Pounds fifteen Shillings Sterlg to defray the Charges of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Necessary expence of Government Another Motion being made that the said Memorial be taken into Consideration upon the third reading of the said Bill, and a Debate arising thereon and the Question being put it was carried for the Latter—

RESOLVED that this House will take the Said Memorial into Consideration upon the third Reading of the said Bill.

The Tax Bill further Considered

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House and took into further Consideration the Bill intitled an Act for raising & Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Thousand One Hundred & sixty Pounds fifteen Shillings and applying the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds being Surplus of the Last Years Tax Remaining in the Hands of the Publick Treasurer amounting together to the Sum of One Thousand three Hundred and thirty Pounds fifteen Shillings Sterlg to defray the Charges of Holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Necessary Expences of Government and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the

Chair and Mr William Gibbons from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and made some further Progress therein and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to sit again

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take the said Bill into further Consideration at four OClock in the Afternoon

ORDERED that Mr Butler and Mr Read have Leave of absence till Monday Next—

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House of Assembly
the 14th of May 1761

Mr Speaker

Message from the Upper House

In answer to your Message dated the first of May Instt, this House doth agree to the free Conference You desire on the Subject Matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill Intitled an Act for Subjecting and making Liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of Absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province and have appointed the Same to be in the Room adjourning (sic) the Council Chamber at four OClock this Afternoon—

Managers

The Honorable { James Habersham, William Knox, James Edward Powell } Esqrs

ORDERED that Mr Wood Mr Read Mr N Jones Mr Francis and Mr Joseph Gibbons be Managers at the free Conferrence on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made

by the Upper House to the Bill Intitled an Act for Subjecting and Making liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons in this Province—

Report of the Managers at the free conferrence upon the amendments to the Attachment Bill

Mr Wood one of the Managers at the free Conferrence on the Subject Matter of the amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill Intitled an Act for Subjecting and making Liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province Reported that they had not agreed to the amendments Made by the Upper House to the said Bill—

Motion being made that this House do agree to the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intitled An Act for Subjecting and making Liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province and a Debate arising thereon, and the Question being put it passed in the affirmative—

RESOLVED that this House doth agree to the amendments made by the Upper House to ye sa'd (sic) Bill

The Tax Bill Further Considered

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House and took into further Consideration the Bill intiteled (sic) An Act for raising and Granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand one Hundred and Sixty Pounds fifteen Shillings and applying the Sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds being Surplus of the Last Years Tax remaining in the Hands of the Publick Treasurer Amounting together to the Sum of One Thousand three Hundred and thirty Pounds fifteen Shillings Sterling to defray the Charges of Holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Necessary Expence of Government and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr William Gibbons from the

Committee Reported that they had further Considered the said Bill and made some further Progress therein and that he was directed bv the said Committee to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to Consider the Said Bill tomorrow Morning.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday the 15th of May 1761

ORDERED that Mr Joseph Gibbons do carry the following Message to the Council

Commons House of Assembly
May the 15th 1761

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the upper House

Upon report of the Managers at the Free Conferrence respecting the two Last amendments marked W, and X, made by Your Honors to the Bill intitled an Act for subjecting and making Liable to Attachment the Estate Real and Personal of absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province, this House doth agree to the said amendments—

Report of the Committee of the whole House upon the Tax Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled an Act for raising and Granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Pounds fifteen Shillings and applying the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty pounds being surplus of the Last Years Tax remaining in the Hands of the Publick Treasurer amounting together to the Sum of One Thousand three Hundred and thirty Pounds fifteen Shillings Sterls to defray the Charges of

Holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and other Necessary Expences of Government and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Francis from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made Several amendments thereto which they had Directed him to report, and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Report in at the Table, where the Report was again read by the Clerk in the following Words Vizt

Mr Speaker,

The Committee of the Whole House having taken into Consideration the Tax Bill have gone through the Same and made Several amendments therto And Whereas a Debate arose in the said Committee upon the Sallaries allowed by this Province to the several Publick Officers for Business done by them for the Publick, and a member of the Committee having informed your Committee that a Person in Savannah Could give some light into this Matter, and that the said Person, Vizt William Grover Esqr had Authorized him to say he was willing to Attend the Committee if required, Upon which information your Committee Desired the Attendance of the said William Grover, who appeared before your Committee and made and subjected the following Deposition Vizt

That about three Years ago, when in England he received a Letter from the Lord Cadogan, acquainting him that the Earl of Halifax wanted to see him within a fortnight as his Lordship was going out of Town That he waited on the Earl of Halifax who made him an offer of the Office of Chief Justice which he now holds in this Province, that His Lordship told him he had applyd to the Lords of the Treasury for a Sallery (sic) for him of Eight Hundred Pounds ℔ Annum and that the foundation of His Lorship (sic) application for so large a Salary

was that this Province being an Infant Province did not provide any fees for the publick Officers; but that he was sorry to tell them he cou'd not Obtain more than a Sallary of Five Hundred Pounds ℔ Annum, the Largest given to any Chief Justice of any of his Majestys Provinces in America, except to Mr Belchier the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia—

That he must expect no fees from the Publick of Georgia, as the Province provided none in their Tax Bill for the Public Officers for Public Services—upon being asked whether Lord Halifax said that the additional Salaries granted by the Crown were in Lieu of those fees, he Answered that he was informed whilst in England, that additional Salaries had been given to the Attorney General and Provost Marshall on Memorials presented by them to the Lords of trade, Suggesting the Province did not raise Money for Publick Business, but that he could not possitively (sic) Swear Lord Halifax told him so, but that either his Lorship (sic), Mr Pownal, Mr Martin or the Attorney General did tell him so.

RESOLVED it is the Opinion of your Committee that the said Deposition should be entered in the Journals of this House.

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committee to the said report

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday May 16th 1761

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning ten o'clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday May 18th 1761

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Council by Mr Kennan—

Commons House of Assembly
May the 18. 1761

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House

This House having taken into Consideration the Report of the Committee of this House appointed to Join a Committee of your House in Conferrence upon the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by your Honors to the Bill intitled an Act for better Regulating the Town of Savannah and ascertaining the Commons thereunto belonging do agree with their Committes (sic) Report and this House doth desire your Honors will please to appoint A Committee of your House to Join a Committee of this House to give directions to the Surveyors General to draw a plan of the Town of Savannah from a Survey agreeable to the Original plan describing all the Lotts Streets Squares and Lands in the said Town to be annexed to the said Bill According to the Resolution of the Committee of both Houses and if your Honors please to Join therein this House desires you'l appoint your Number, Time and place

John Mulryne Esqr was returned duly Elected to serve as Representative in General Assembly of the Parish of St John in the Room of Mr Jeans who declined serving

Petition of Several free holders of the Parish of Saint John Read

A Petition of Several Freeholders of the Parish of St John whose names are thereunto subscribed was Presented to the House and read Setting forth that the petitioners being prevented by bandness (sic) of Weather from At-

tending the Late Election at Sunbury of the Seventh Instant for a Member to Join the Gentlemen that Represent the said Parish in General Assembly by Which means the said Election went contrary to the Inclination of a Great Majority of the Freeholders of the said Parish therefore Humbly beg Leave to remonstrate that two of the Electors for John Mulryne Esqr were, as we Humbly Concieve (sic), not duly Qualified to Vote Viz^t William Johnson and John Jones the pretensions of the former being only that of A Verbal purchase of Fifty Acres of Land and the Latter being a free Negro and Craving such redress as to the House shoud seem meet

ORDERED that the said Petition be Referred to the Committee of Privilidges (sic) and Elections and that they do examine ye matter thereof and report the same to the House, as it shall appear to them

Report of the Committee to Examine the Accots of the Commissioners for the Town and common of Savannah

Mr Wylly from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Commissioners for the Town and common of Savannah, Reported the Committee had examined the Same and found them Regular and Just, after payment of Which the said Committee found that the sum of Four Pounds thirteen Shillings and one penny Sterl^g Remains in the Hands of the said Commissioners

Report of the Committee to Examine the Accounts of the Surveyors of the Southern Road

Mr Johnson from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Surveyors of the Southern Road reported that there was a Ballance due to the Commissioners of the Said Road of Twenty Three Pounds thirteen Shillings and ten Pence half penny Sterl^g—

Motion being made that the Petition of the late Setlers upon the Waters of Savannah River above Augusta, be referred to the Consideration of the House; Another Motion being made that the Consideration thereof be defer'd,

RESOLVED that the Consideration of the said Petition be deferred till the first day of July Next

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday May the 19th 1761—

Message from the upper House with the Bill for repairing the Light House passed with Amendments—

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery that they had passed a Bill intitled an Act for raising and Granting to his Majesty the sum of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds to repair the Light House on Tybee Island by a Duty on Negroes that have been above Six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for Sale into this Province with some Amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery—

Upper House of Assembly
the 19th of May 1761—

Mr. Speaker

Message from the upper House.

Upon Report of the Committee of this House Appointed to Join a Committee of your House in conferrence on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intitled an Act for better regulating the Town of Savannah and ascertaining the Commons thereunto belonging, this House do agree with their Committee in the Alterations made in the said amendments at the said Conferrence and agreeable to your desire have appointed a Committee to Join a Committee of your House in giveing Directions to the Surveyors General to draw a plan of the Town of Savannah from a Survey agreeable to the Original Plan, describing all the Lotts Streets

Squares and Lands in the said Town to be annexed to the said Bill according to the resolution of Both Houses.

Committee

The Honorable Noble Jones and Frances Harris Esquires

Committee appointed to Join Committee of Upper House in Giving directions to the Surveyors General to draw a plan of the Town of Savannah

ORDERED that Mr Milledge Mr Tannat Mr Ewen be a Committee to Join a Committee of the upper House in giving directions to the Surveyors General to draw a plan of the Town of Savannah from a Survey agreeable to the Original plan describing all the Lotts Streets Squares and Lands in the said Town to be annexed to the Bill intitled an Act for Better Regulating the Town of Savannah & Ascertaining the Commons thereunto belonging—

The amendments to the Bill to Repair the Light House consider'd

The House took into Consideration the amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intitled an Act for Raising and granting to his Majesty the sum of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds to repair the Light House on Tybee Island by a Duty on Negroes that have been above Six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for Sale in this Province, and agreed to Some and dissagreed to others.

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Council by Mr Wylly.

Commons House of Assembly
May the 19th 1761

Honrble (sic) Gentlemen,

Message to the upper House

This House haveing taken into Consideration the amendments made by your House to the Bill Intitled an Act for raising and Granting to His Majesty the sum of one Hundred and Eighty Pounds to repair the Light House on Tybee Island by a Duty on Negroes that have been above Six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies

in America, and imported for Sale into this Province have agreed to some and dissagreed to others, This House therefore desires Your Honors will please to appoint a Committee of your House to Join a Committee of this House in Conference upon the Subject Matter of the said amendments and if your Honors Please to Join therein, This House desires you'l appoint Your Number time and place.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday May 20th 1761.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to inquire into the State and Progress of the Silk Culture in this Province and report the same to the House and that a Message be sent to the upper House to desire they Will be pleased to appoint a Committee of their House to Join a Committee of this House to make the said Inquiry.

Committee appointed to enquire into the Progress of the Silk Culture

RESOLVED that a Committee of this House be appointed to inquire into the State and Progress of the Eilk Culture in this Province and report the same to the House, and that a Message be sent to the upper House to desire they will be pleased to appoint a Committee of their House to Join a Committee of this House to make the said Inquiry

ORDERED that Mr Wylly do carry the following Message to the Council—

Commons House of Assembly
the 20th of May 1761

Honorable Gentlemen,

Message to the upper House

This House haveing come to a Resolution to appoint a Committee of this House to Inquire into the State and Progress of the Silk Culture in this Province desires

your Honors will please to Join therein and appoint a Committee of your House to Join a Committee of this House to make the said Inquiry—

A Message from the Upper House by the master in Chancery—

Upper House of Assembly
the 20th of May 1761.

Mr Speaker,

Message from the upper House

This House doth agree to the Conference desired by your House on the Subject Matter of the amendments Made by this House to the Bill intitled an Act for raising and Granting to his Majesty the Sum of one Hundred and Eighty Pounds to repair the Light House on Tybee Island (sic) a duty on Negroes that have been above six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for Sale into this Province and have appointed the same (sic) be tomorrow Morning Eleven OClock in the room adjoining the Council Chamber.

Committee

The Honors { Noble Jones, William Knox, William Clifton } Esqrs

Committee of Conferrence appointed upon the amendments made to the Bill to repair the light House.

ORDERED that Mr Tannat Mr Wylly Mr Kennan Mr Wood and Mr Read be a Committee to Join a Committee of the upper House in Conference upon the Subject matter of the amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intitled an Act for raising and Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds Sterlg to repair the Light House on Tybee Island by A Duty on Negroes that have been above Six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for Sale into this Province.

The Bill intitled an Act for raising and granting to his

The Tax Bill Read the third Time

Majesty the Sum of One Thousand one Hundred & Sixty Pounds fifteen Shillings and applying the sum of One Hundred and Nineteen pounds Seven Shillings and four pence half penny being the Surplus of the Last year's Tax remaining in the Hands of the Publick Treasurer and the further sum of Ninety three Pounds Nine Shillings and two Pence half Penny being Arrears due from the Severall Collectors to be paid in to the said Treasurer amounting together to the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy three Pounds Eleven Shillings and Seven Pence Sterl[g] to defray the Charges of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and some other expences of Government was read the third Time.

and Pass'd

RESOLVED that the Bill do pass

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday May the 21st 1761.

RESOLVED that the following address be presented to his Honor the Governor—

To the Honorable James Wright Esq[r] Lieutenant Govenor (sic) and Commander in Chief of the said province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same the

Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly—

May it please Your Honor

Address to His Honor

We beg leave to assure your Honor that our Hitherto delaying to Answers (sic) your Honors Messages of the 27th of March and Sixth of April last is no Ways to be Imputed to Inattention, but intirely owing to the Matters therein recommened (sic) not properly comeing (sic) before us till the Tax bill could be settled, as that is now done

we acquaint Your Honor we have taken the same into Consideration and that this House have provided for the Several Services recommended by Your Honor in the Said Messages Except the four Capioneers (sic) or Block Houses round the Town of Savannah, Your Honors prudent Management of the Indians haveing in a great Measure Reestablihed (sic) the Publick Tranquility and the Unavoidable and heavy Expences we are obligd to lay upon Our Constituents for the Immediate Support of Government are motives with us for postponing a Work Which tho' Necessary wou'd at this time have been a great addition to the Publick Tax.

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do sign the same & he signd the Same Accordingly.

ORDERED that Mr Deveaux and Mr Ewen do Wait on his Honor with the said address.

His Honors Answer

They Waited on His Honor Accordingly and being returned Mr Deveaux reported they had Waited on His Honor and presented the Address and that His Honor had been pleased to return for answer therto, that on Sunday last he received a Talk from all the Lower Creek Towns that they were determined to be in Peace and friendship with us and that he was of the Same Opinion with the Assembly from the more favourable Aspect of Affairs that there is not now so Great Necessity for the Block Houses to be built as there was at the time he recommended the building them

ORDERED that Mr Fancis (sic) have leave of absence from the Service of this House till Monday Next—

ORDERED that Mr Joseph Gibbons have leave of Absence from the Service of this House Tomorrow.

Mr Tannat from the Committee appointed to Confer

Report of the Committee of Conferrence upon the amendments made to the bill to repair the light House

with a Committee of the Upper House upon the Amendments made by the upper House to the Bill intitled An Act for raising & Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds to repair the Light House on Tybee Island by a Duty on Negroes that have been above Six Months in any of the Islands or Collonies in America and imported for Sale into this Province, reported that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the upper House to the said Bill with some alterations to which the House agreed.

ORDERED that Mr Read do Carry to the Upper House the Bill intitled an Act for raising and Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Pounds fifteen Shillings, and applying the Sum of One Hundred and Nineteen Pounds Seven Shillings and four pence half Penny being the Surplus of the Last Years Tax remaining in the Hands of the Publick Treasurer and the further Sum of Ninety Three Pounds Nine Shillings and two pence half penny being Arrears due from the Several Collectors to be paid in to the said Treasurer amounting together to the Sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Three Pounds Eleven Shillings and Seven Pence Sterlg to defray the Charges of Holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and some Other Expences of Government, and desire their Concurrence thereto

ORDERED that the following Message be Sent to the Council by Mr Baillie—

Commons House of Assembly
May the 21st 1761.

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the upper House

Upon report of the Committee of this (sic) appointed to Join a Committee of Your House in Conference, on the Subject Matter of the amendments made by Your House

to the bill Intitled an Act for raising and Ganting (sic) to His Majesty the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds to repair the Light House on Tybee Island by A Duty on Negroes that have been above Six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for Sale into this Province This House doth agree with their Committee in the Alterations made in the amendments to the said conference

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House of Assembly
21st of May 1761.

Mr Speaker

Message from the upper House

in answer to your Message of this day this House have appointed a Committee to Join a Committee of Your House to Inquire into the State and Progress of the Silk Culture in this Province—

Committee

The Hon'ble { James Habersham, Noble Jones, Francis Harris } Esqrs

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House of Assembly
the 21st of May 1761.

Mr Speaker

Message from the upper House

Upon report of the Committee of this House appointed to Confer with a Committee of your House on the Subject Matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill intitled an Act for raising and Granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds

to repair the Light House on Tybee Island by a Duty on Negroes that have been above Six months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for Sale into this Province, This House doth agree with their Committee in the Alterations made in the Amendments at the said Conference.

Message from the upper House with the Election Bill passed with amendments

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery, Acquainting the House that the Upper House had passed a Bill Intitled an Act to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be deemed Qualified to Elect or to be Elected Members of the said House, and to Limit the Duration of their Sitting With some amendments to which they desired the Conference of this House.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday May the 22d 1761

The amendments made to the Election Bill considered

The House took into Consideration the amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intitled an Act to Ascertain the manner and form of Electing members to Represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be deemed Qualified to Elect or to be Elected Members of the said House and to limit the duration of their sitting and agreed to some and disagreed to others.

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the upper House by Mr Deveaux.

Commons House of Assembly
22d May 1761.

Honble Gentlemen,

Message to the upper House

This House haveing taken into consideration The amendments made by your House to the Bill Intitled an Act to ascertain the Manners and forms of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and appoint who shall be deemed Qualify'd to Elect or to be Elected Members of the said House and to Limit the Duration of their Sitting have agreed to Some and dissagreed to others and therefore this House desires your Honors will appoint a Committee of your House to Join a Committee of this House in Conference on the Subject Matter of the said amendments and if your Honors please to Join therein this House desires Youl appoint Your Number time and place.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday the 23d May 1761—

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday Morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday May the 25th 1761

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly
May 25.. 1761.

Mr Speaker

This House doth agree to the Conference you desire

Message from the upper House

on the Subject Matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill Intitled an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be deemed qualifyd to Elect or to be Elected members of the said House and to limitt the duration of their sitting and hath appointed A Committee Accordingly to meet in the room adjoining the Council Chamber Imediately—

Committee

The Honorable { Noble Jones, Jonathan Bryan, James Edwd Powell, William Knox, Willm Clifton, Francis Harris } Esquires

Committee of Conference appointed upon the amendments made to the Election Bill

ORDERED that Mr Tannatt Mr Read Mr Ewen Mr Joseph Gibbons M^r McGillivray Mr Wylly Mr Noble Wimberly Jones Mr Johnson Mr Deveaux & Mr Kennan, be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Upper House in Conference on the Subject Matter of the amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intitled An Act to ascertain the manner and form of Electing members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be deemed Qualify'd to Elect or to be Elected Members of the said House and to limit the Duration of their Sitting

Report of that Committee

Mr Tannatt from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of the Upper House in Conference on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by the upper House to the Bill intitled an Act to ascertain the Matter (sic) and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be deemed Qualifyd to Elect or

to be Elected Members of The said House and to limit the duration of their Sitting, Reported that they had adhered to their dissagreement to Some of the Amendments made by the upper House to the said Bill

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday May 26. 1761—

Motion being made that the report of the Committee of this House appointed to Join a Committee of the Upper House Upon the Subject Matter of the amendments made by the Upper House to the bill intitled an Act to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the Commons Hous (sic) of Assembly and to appoint who shall be deemed Qualifyd to Elect or to be Elected Members of the said House and to limit the Duration of their Sitting, be taken into the Consideration of the House the Same was taken into Consideration Accordingly—

Motion being made that the House do agree to the amendments made by the Upper House to the said bill with the Alterations made therein at the Conference of the Committee of Both Houses, it was objected to and a Debate arising thereon and the Question being put, Resolved that this House doth agree to the amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bill with the Alterations made therein at the Conference of the Committee of both Houses—

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr Wylly—

Commons House of Assembly
May 26.. 1761—

Honr[ble] Gentlemen,

Message to the Upper House

This House haveing considered the Report of the Committee of this House appointed to Confer with a Committee of your House on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by your House to the bill intitled an Act to ascertain the manner and form of Electing members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be deemed Qualified to elect or to be Elected Members of the said House and to limit the Duration of their Sitting, this House doth agree to the said amendments with the alterations made therein at the said Conference

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery—

Upper House of Assembly
the 26th of May 1761.

M[r] Speaker

Message from the upper House

Upon Report from the Committee of this House Appointed to Confer with a Committee of Your House on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intitld an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to represent the inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and to appoint who shall be deemed Qualifyd to Elect or to be Elected members of the said House and to Limitt the Duration of their Setting [(sic)] This House doth agree to the Alterations made in the Amendments at the said Conference—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday the 27th of May 1761

Message from the upper House with the ferry bill passed with amendments.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master In Chancey (sic) Acquainting this House that the upper House had passed a Bill intitled an Act for Establishing A Ferry Over Great Ogeachee River at a place Called Pine Bluff and for Vessting (sic) the Same in John Deveaux Esqr His Exors and Admors for the Space of Six Years and to impower the Commissioners therein Named to superintend ye same with some amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

The amendments made to the ferry Bill considered

The House took into Consideration ye amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intitled an Act for Establishing A Ferry Over Great Ogeachee River at a place Called Pine Bluff and for Vesting the Same in John Deveaux Esqr His Exors and admors for the Space of Six Years and to impower the Commissioners therein named to Superintend ye same and agred (sic) to some and disagreed to others.

ORDERED that the following Message be Sent to the upper House by Mr McGillivray

Commons House of Assembly
May the 27th 1761.

Honors Gentlemen

Message to the upper House

This House haveing taken into consideration the amendments made by your Honors to the Bill intitled an Act for Establishing a Ferry Over great Ogechee River at a place Called Pine Bluff and for Vesting the same in John Deveaux Esqr His Exors and Admors for the Space of Six Years and to impower the Commissioners therein Named to Superintend ye same have agreed to some and

dissagreed to others and therefore desires (sic) Your Honors to appoint a Committee of Your House to Join a Committee of this House in a Conference on the Subject Matter of the said amendments and if your Honors please to Join therein this House desires youl appoint your Number time and place—

ORDERED that Mr Wylly have Leave of absence from the Services of this House for Ten Days

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House of Assembly
May the 27th 1761.

Mr Speaker,

essage from the Upper House

This House agrees to the Conference you desire on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intitled an Act for Establishing A Ferry Over Great Ogeachee River at a place called Pine Bluff and for Vesting the same in John De Veaux Esqr His Executors and Administrators for the Space of Six Years and to impower the Commissioners therein named to Superintend The same and hath appointed A Committee Accordingly to meet in the Room adjoining the Counil (sic) Chamber Imediately—

Committee of Conference upon the amendments made to the ferry Bill

ORDERED that Mr Millidge Mr Deveaux & Mr Read be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Upper House in Conference upon the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by the upper House to the Bill Intitled an Act for Establishing a Ferry Over Great Ogeachee River at a place (sic) Pine Bluff and for Vesting the same in John Deveaux Esqr his Executrs and Admonistrs (sic) for the Space of Six Years and to impower the commissioners therein Named to Superintend the same

Report of that Committe— (sic)

Mr Read from the Committe (sic) appointed to Join a Committee of the upper House in Conferrence on the Amendments made by the upper House to the Bill intitled an Act for Establishing a Ferry Over great ogeachee River at a place called pine Bluff, and for Vesting the Same in John Deveaux Esqr his Exors and Admrs for the Space of Six Years and to impower the Commissioners therein Named to superintend the Same, Reported the Committee of the upper House receded from the amendments made by the upper House to the said Bill, to which this House had dissagreed

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly
May the 27th 1761.

Mr Speaker

Message from the upper House

Upon Report from the Committee of this House appointed to confer with a Committee of your House on the Subject Matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill intitled an Act for Establishing a Ferry Over great Ogeachee River at a place called Pine Bluff and for Vesting the same in John Deveaux Esqr his Executors and Admors for the Space of Six Years and to impower the Commissioners therein named to Superintend the same This House doth agree to the alterations made in the Amendments at the said Conference—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday May the 28.. 1761.

The House met According to Adjournment & the (sic) adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine oClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday May the 29th 1761

The House met according to adjournment and then Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine oClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday May the 30th 1761

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday June the first 1761—

Message from the upper House with the Tax Bill passed

A Message from the upper House by the Mater (sic) in Chancery Acquainting this House that the upper House had Passed a Bill intitled an Act for raising and Granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Pounds fifteen Shillings and Applying the Sum of One Hundred and Nineteen Pounds Seven Shillings and four Pence half penny Sterl^g being Surplus of the Last Years Tax remaining in the Hands of the Publick Treasurer and the further Sum of Ninety Three Pounds Nine Shillings and Two Pence half Penny being Arrears due from Several Collectors to be paid to the said Treasurer amounting together to the Sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy three Pounds Eleven Shillings and Seven Pence Sterl^g to defray the Charges of Holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminor (sic) and Some other Expence of Government.

The following Address was sent to His Honor the Governor Viz[t]

To His Honor James Wright Esq[r] Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Georgia—

The Humble Address of Both Houses of Assembly.

May it Please Your Honour

Address to his Honor

Both Houses of Assembly having taken into Consideration the great Expediency and Utility of an Act passed in the Scond (sic) General Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for Stamping Imprinting, Issuing and makeing Current the Sum of Seven Thousand four Hundred and Ten Pounds Sterl[g] in paper Bills of Creditt and for Applying and Sinking the Same, in which Act is Contained a Clause suspending the Execution thereof until His Majesty's Royal approbation and allowance of the Same Shall be Signified to the Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province, Humbly beg leave to intreat Your Honor to use your good Offices with the Right Honorable the Lords Comissioner (sic) for Trade and plantations, that their Lordships may be pleased to intercede With his Majesty that the said Act May Obtain his Majesty's Royal Approbation & Allowance

His Honors Answer

To Which his Honor was pleased to Answer That he was Very Sensible of the Utility of the Bill Mentioned in the Address and that the Gentlemen of Both Houses Might be Assured he would Use his Good Offices with the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations that his Majestys Confirmation thereof might be obtained

Committee appointed to examine the ingrossed Bills.

ORDERED that M[r] Tannat and M[r] Read be a Committee to Examine the Ingrossed Bills for the Governors Assent.

A Message from His Honor

Gentlemen

Message from His Honor

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly untill Tuesday the Ninth day of this Instant June then to meet for the disspatch of Business and it is accordingly adjourned.

Given under my Hand. At Savannah the first day of June 1761,

To the Speaker and Members of the Commons House of Assembly } JAMES WRIGHT

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday June the 9th 1761

The House met according to adjournment—

ORDERED that Mr Milledge Mr Francis and Mr Noble Wimberly Jones be added to the Committee of Priviledges and Elections to Examine the Matter of the Petetion (sic) of Several Freeholders of the Parish of Saint John in Relation to Electing a Member to Serve in General Assembly in the Room of Mr Jeins (sic)

Report of the Committee of privilidges and Elections upon the matter of the petition of the Freeholders of the Parish of Saint John

Mr Tannat from the Committee of Priviledges and Elections, Reported that the Committee upon Examining into the Merits of the Petition presented to the House from many of the freeholders of the Parish of Saint Johns Came to the following Resolutions Viz[t]

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that Mr Johnson has a right to Vote for a Member to represent the Parish of Saint John That John Jones a Mallattoe (sic) is Legally Possessed of fifty Acres of Land—that James

Rutherford has Purchased fifty Acres of Land and Produced a Receipt for Part of the Money but has no Conveyance

Message from his Honor requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber—

A Message from His Honor by the Master in Chancery requiring this House to Attend his Honor Immediately in the Council Chamber

They wait on his Honor

Then Mr Speaker with the House attended His Honor in the Council Chamber where His Honor was Pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills Namely—

His Honor assents to Several Bills

An Act for raising and granting to his Majesty the Sum of one Hundred and Eighty Pounds to Repair the Light House on Tybee Island and for laying a Duty on Negroes that have been above Six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for Sale into this Province—

An Act to Continue Several Acts for Regulateing the Militia in the Province of Georgia.

An Act for amending an Act intitled an Act for the Better Regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Commons thereunto belonging

An Act for Establishing a Ferry over Great Ogeachee River at a Place called Pine Bluff and for Vesting the same in John Deveaux the Elder his Excutors (sic) and Administrators for the Space of Six Years—

An Act to ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly—

An Act for Subjecting and making liable to Attachment the Estate real and personal of Absent Debtors in the Custody or Power of any Person or Persons within this Province

An Act for raising and Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Pounds fifteen Shillings for Applying the Sum of One Hundred and Nineteen Pounds Seven Shillings and four Pence half Penny being the Surplus of the Last Years Tax remaining in the Hands of the Treasurer and the further Sum of Ninety three Pounds Nine Shilings and two Pence half Penny being Arrears due from the Several Collectors to be paid to the said Treasurer amounting together to the Sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy three Pounds Eleven Shillings and Seven Pence Sterl[g] to defray the Charges of Holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and some other Expences of Government.

After Which His Honor was pleased to Make a Speech to both Houses as Followith (sic)

Gentlemen of the Council

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly.

His Honors Speech.

I Cannot put an End to this Session Without returning you my thanks for the Several Marks of Esteem and regard you have Shewn for me, and for Preserving that Harmony in all Your Debates and Proceedings which has hitherto Subsisted between you, Business Entered upon and disspatch (sic) with a proper Unanimity and Candour must ever be productive of the best ends for the Public Service, and which alone I think I am Warranted to say is the Sole Object of your Views—

JAMES WRIGHT
9th June 1761.

His Honor adjourns the Assembly

And then His Honor was pleased to Adjourn the General Assembly untill Tuesday the Tenth day of November Next—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

GEORGIA

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the second Session of the fourth General Assembly of the said Province met according to Adjournment at the Town of Savannah on Tuesday the tenth day of November in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred and Sixty one.

Examined and compared with the Original Minutes, by

THO^s BURRINGTON

Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly.

Reced with Mr Wright's Lre of 10 June 1762

Reced Aug^st 26 } 1762
Read

GEORGIA

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the second Session of the fourth General Assembly of the said Province, met according to Adjournment at the Town of Savannah on Tuesday the Tenth day of November in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty one.

The House meet

Message from the Grovernor (sic)

A Message from His Honor the Governor, desiring the House to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.

The House proceed to the Choice of a Speaker, and

The House proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker accordingly.

chuse Lewis Johnson Esqr Speaker

RESOLVED that Lewis Johnson Esquire be Speaker of this House.

Message to the Governor

ORDERED, that a Message be sent to His Honor the Governor to acquaint him that this House hath made Choice of a Speaker, and desires to know when His Honor will be pleased the House shall attend him to present the Speaker for His Honor's Approbation, and that Mr Wylly and Mr Milledge do wait on His Honor with the said Message.

Mr Wylly and Mr Milledge withdrew, and waited on His Honor accordingly, and being returned Mr Wylly reported they had delivered the said Message, and that His Honor was pleased to say, he wou'd acquaint the House immediately.

Message from the Govr.

A Message from His Honor by the Master in Chancery acquainting the House His Honor is now ready to receive the House with their Speaker whom they intend to present for his Approbation

The Speaker elect with the House wait on ye Govr.

Then Mr Speaker Elect with the House went up and attended His Honor in the Council Chamber, and being returned Mr Speaker reported the House had attended His Honor the Governor in the Council Chamber where the Gentlemen whom the House had appointed for that purpose presented their Speaker whom they had chosen to His Honor for His Approbation, and that His Honor had been pleased to approve of him.

And then the House adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday November the 11th 1761

Message from the Govr.

A Message from His Honor the Governor by the Master in Chancery requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council Chamber immediately.

The Speaker with the House attend the Govr. in the Council Chamber

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the House attended His Honor in the Council Chamber immediately and being returned Mr Speaker reported they had attended His Honor in the Council Chamber where His Honor had been pleased to make an affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly, of which to prevent Mistakes he had procured a Copy, which he read to the House, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was again read, and is as follows

Gentlemen of the Council

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly,

The Governor's Speech—

The Season for considering of and providing for the necessary Service of the ensuing Year having brought us together, it is with pleasure I meet you: And having on the eighth instant had the Honor to receive from the Right Honorable Mr Secretary Pitt a Notification that His most sacred Majesty has been pleased to declare in full Council His Resolution of demanding in Marriage the Princess Charlotte, Sister of the Duke of Meclenburgh Strelitz, I embrace this first Opportunity to congratulate you heartily upon the same, as an Event most joyful, and portending the greatest ffelicity to all His Majesty's Subjects.

I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you that by my last Accounts from the Creek Country, those People appear

disposed to continue in ffriendship with us. And as by the Treaty lately made with Attakullakulla, a Peace seems on the point of being ratified between the Province of South Carolina and the Cherokees, in which Event His Majesty's Troops may be at Leisure to strengthen my hands, I am hopeful the Creeks will be induced to comply with their Treaties and Engagements, and to make Satisfaction for the Murders committed by them.

And whilst we have so fair a prospect of Tranquility, and are exempt from the Calamities naturally resulting from an Indian War, let us turn our thoughts to such Objects as may best promote His Majesty's Service, and the true Interest and Prosperity of this flourishing Province, in which you may always rely on my utmost Assistance and hearty Concurrence

The Encouragement of Trade is certainly an Object worthy your Attention, and the Means by which it may be most effectually promoted and extended within its proper Channel deserves mature Deliberation.

The erecting a ffort at Cockspur seems to be an expedient Measure as it is not only necessary in Time of War for the Protection of Trade and of the Province from Insults, but also useful in Time of Peace for inforcing a due Observance of our Laws. This Island I have taken a Veiw (sic) of, and shall send you a Draught of the Channels running by the East End, and up the North and South Sides with a Plan of some Works proposed and a Calculation of the Expence for your Consideration; that if you judge it a necessary Service, Provision may be made for the same.

Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly,

The Business of the last Session being so long protracted, and the Season of the Year so far advanced before the

General Tax was laid, the Time of levying it became very inconvenient: which I hope will be avoided for the future.

I have ordered a State of it's produce to be laid before you, from which you will see how far the means proposed for defraying the several Expences from the 29th of September 1760 to the 29th of Septr 1761 have been effectual; also an Estimate for the usual and necessary Service of the current Year. And when you reflect on the many heavy Articles for the Support and Encouragement of this Province annually paid by the Crown, I am certain you will most chearfully provide for those now recommended to you; and for such other Articles of Expence as may concern our immediate Welfare; and that in such Manner as may be most equal and least burthensome to the People.

Gentlemen,

I persuade myself that the Business of this Session will be carried on with that Unanimity and Dispatch that must make it agreeable to yourselves as well as pleasant to me.

JA: WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia,
Council Chamber
the 11th of November 1761.—

Motion being made that an humble Address of Thanks be presented to His Honor for his affectionate Speech to both Houses, the same was resolved accordingly.

Committee appointed to draw up an Address.

ORDERED, that Mr Graham Mr Wylly Mr Wood and Mr Read and Mr McGillivray be a Committee to prepare the same

ORDERED, that His Honor's Speech be referred to the said Committee.

A Call of the House ordered.

ORDERED that this House be called over the 23d instant.

ORDERED, that the Clerk of this House do give Notice thereof to the absent Members.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday November the 12th 1761

The Committee appointed, report the Address.

Mr Graham from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Honor reported the (sic) had prepared one, which they had directed him to report to the House, when the House wou'd be pleased to receive the same

ORDERED that the said Report be now made

Then Mr Graham read the same in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read by the Clerk.

Address referred to a Committee of ye whole House

Motion being made that the said Address be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House

RESOLVED that this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Address into Consideration

The House resolved into a Committee accordingly, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Wood from the Committee reported they had taken the said Address into Consideration and made some Amendments thereto which they had directed him

to report to the House when the House will be pleased to receive the same

ORDERED that the said Report be now made.

The House agree to the Address.

Then Mr Wood read the same in his place and afterwards delivered the Address with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read by the Clerk and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED that the said Address with the Amendments be ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Thursday Afternoon

Motion for an Additional Rule.

Motion being made that the following Rule be added to the standing Rules of this House Viz[t]

That any Member appointed of a Committee not coming within fifteen Minutes after the Time fixed for meeting by the Chairman shall pay six pence; but if he comes not at all nor makes a just Excuse, he shall pay two Shillings.

RESOLVED that this House will consider of that Motion To-morrow Morning

Message to the Govr.

ORDERED, that Mr Wylly and Mr Milledge do wait on His Honor and acquaint him that this House having an Address to present, desire to know when His Honor will be pleased to be attended therewith.

Those Gentlemen withdrew and waited on His Honor accordingly, and being returned Mr Wylly reported His

Honor was pleased to say, At ten of the Clock, to-morrow morning.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday, November the 13th 1761.

The ingrossed Address to His Honor was read in the following words, Vizt

Address to the Governor.

To His Honor James Wright Esquire Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly.

May it please Your Honor,

We, His Majesty's most dutyful and loyal Subjects the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia in General Assembly met, return Your Honor our unfeigned Thanks for your affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly.

We thank Your Honor for the pleasure you express on this Occasion of meeting us, and for communicating our most gracious Sovereign's Resolution to demand in Marriage the Princess Charlotte, Sister of the Duke of Meclenburgh Strelitz; and beg leave to congratulate you on an Event portending so great ffelicity to all His Majesty's Subjects.

The Accounts Your Honor has lately received from the Creek Nation of the peaceable Disposition of these

People, answers the sanguine Expectations we have always entertained of the prudent Measures you have hitherto pursued with them. And we flatter ourselves that shou'd the Treaty of peace made with Attakullakulla between our neighbouring Province and the Cherokees be ratified, your hands may then be so strengthen'd by His Majesty's Troops, that it will prove a powerful Inducement to the Creeks to comply with their Treaties and Engagements to your Honor and to give Satisfaction for the Murders committed bv them in May 1760.

The happy and tranquil State we now enjoy free from those Calamities naturally resulting from an Indian War gives us a favorable Opportunity, which we will chearfully embrace, of turning our thoughts towards such Objects as may best promote His Majesty's Service and the true and lasting Interest of this His Province; And we are well convinced we shall have Your Honor's utmost Assistance and hearty Concurrence.

The Encouragement of Trade which Your Honor is pleased to recommend to us, and the Means by which it may be most effectually promoted and extended, we are sensible deserves our greatest Attention, as the future Welfare and Prosperity of the Province must in a great Measure depend thereon

We join with Your Honor in Opinion that the erecting a ffort at Cockspur is a Measure highly expedient, being not only necessary for the Protection of our Trade, but also for inforcing due Obedience to our Laws; for the effecting of which we shall use every Means in our Power.

We shall take under Consideration the Produce of the last Year's Tax and the Estimate of the necessary Service of the current year, for wch we shall make the best pro-

vision in our Power, and so as it may be most equal and least burthensome to our Constituents

The repeated Instances this Province receives of the Royal ffavor in the Sum annually granted for the support and Encouragement thereof claims our most grateful acknowledgments, the Continuance of which we humbly beg leave to sollicit.

No Endeavors in our Power shall be wanting for preserving that Harmony and Unanimity between the several Branches of the Legislature which is so necessary for conducting Business with Dispatch and bringing it to such happy Issue as may prove most agreeable to your Honor and the Interest of this Province.

The Speaker signs the Address.

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do sign the said Address, and he signed the same accordingly

RESOLVED that the said Address be presented to His Honor by the whole House

The Speaker with the House present their Address.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the whole House went to attend His Honor with their Address, and being returned the Speaker reported that they had attended His Honor and presented their Address, to which His Honor was pleased to give the following Answer, Vizt

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen,

The Governor's Answer

I thank you for this Address, and doubt not but your Inclination and Endeavors will coincide with mine to promote his Majesty's Service and the general good of this Province.

I am glad my past Measures have been agreeable to you, and hope my future Conduct may also deserve your Esteem.

JA: WRIGHT.

The House consider the Additional Rule.

The Order of the Day being read, the House took into Consideration the Rule proposed Yesterday to be added to the standing Rules of this House, Viz[t]

"That every Member appointed of a Committee not coming within fifteen Minutes after the Time fixed for meeting by the Chairman shall pay six pence; but if he comes not at all, nor makes a just Excuse he shall pay two shillings"; and agreed thereto.

and agree thereto.

RESOLVED that the said Rule be added to the standing Rules of this House

Motion for an Address for a Representative for Savannah

Motion being made that an Address be presented to His Honor the Governor to desire he will be pleased to give Directions for issuing a Writ to elect a Representative for the Town of Savannah in the Room of Grey Elliott Esq[r] lately appointed one of His Majesty's Honorable Council of this Province.

RESOLVED that such Address be drawn up to be presented to His Honor

The said Address being drawn up

ORDERED that M[r] Wylly and M[r] Milledge do attend His Honor therewith.

The said Gentlemen withdrew and being returned M[r] Wylly reported, His Honor was pleased to say he wou'd give Directions accordingly.

Motion for an Address to give directions for laying ye publick Accts. before the House

Motion being made that an Address be presented to His Honor to desire he will be pleased to give Directions to the Treasurer to lay the Publick Accounts before this House

RESOLVED that such Address be presented to His Honor

The said Address being drawn up

ORDERED that Mr Read and Mr Graham do attend His Honor therewith

The said Gentlemen withdrew and being returned Mr Read reported they had waited on His Honor with the said Message and that His Honor was pleased to say, he had mentioned it in his Speech that he had ordered the Publick Accounts to be laid before this House, but sho'd now give more particular Directions for that purpose

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday; November the 14th 1761.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, November the 16th 1761.

Motion being made for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Pilotage in this Province

Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for regulating the pilotage.

ORDERED that Mr Graham Mr Wylly and Mr Wood be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

Motion being made that every Committee of this House appointed to bring in a Bill might have leave to apply to a Gentleman of the Law to prepare the same at the Publick Expence, and that Motion being objected to as too general, it was moved that the Consideration thereof sho'd be postponed 'till To-morrow Morning, and resolved accordingly.

Motion being made that the thanks of this House be given to the Reverend Mr Zouberbuller (sic) for his Sermon preached yesterday

Thanks of the House given to the Revd. Mr. Zoulurbuhller.

ORDERED that Mr Wylly and Mr Milledge do wait on the Reverend Mr. Zouburbuhller (sic) and return him the Thanks of this House for his Sermon preached yesterday

Motion being made that the Reverend Mr Zouburbuheller (sic) be desired with the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish Church of Christ Church to give directions for the erecting a Pew in the North Isle of the said Church at the Publick Expence for the Accommodation of Strangers.

Mr. Zuburbuhller (sic) & ye C. Wardens desired to give orders for erecting a Pew in ye Church.

ORDERED that Mr Wylly and Mr Milledge do wait on the Reverend Mr Zouburbuheller and acquaint him that this House desires he will with the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish Church of Christ Church give directions for erecting a commodious Pew in the North Isle of the said Church at the Publick Expence for the Accommodation of Strangers.

The said Gentlemen withdrew and being returned Mr Wylly reported that they had waited on the Reverend Mr Zouburbuheller and delivered him the Thanks of this House for his Sermon preached Yesterday, and desired Mr Zouburbuheller wou'd be pleased to give directions with the Church Wardens and Vestry for erecting a Pew in the North Isle of the Parish Church of Christ Church for the Accommodation of Strangers, and that Mr Zuburbuheller returned for answer, He was obliged to this House for their Thanks for his Sermon preached Yesterday, and that he wou'd consult the Churchwardens and Vestry for the erecting a Pew according to the Desire of this House.

Motion being made for leave to bring in a Bill for building a ffort upon the Island of Cockspur and to consider ways and means for defraying the Expence thereof

Committee to prepare Bill for building a ffort on Cockspur Island.

ORDERED that Mr Graham Mr Wylly Mr Milledge Mr Noble Wimberly Jones and Mr ffrancis be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Motion being made for leave to bring in a Bill for amending the Road Act

Committee to amend Road Act.

ORDERED that Mr Ewen Mr Read and Mr Wylly be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, November the 17th 1761.

The Order of the day being read the House took into Consideration the Motion made yesterday, "that every Committee of this House appointed to bring in a Bill might have leave to apply to a Gentleman of the Law to prepare the same." And that Motion being objected to, and a Debate arising thereon, and the Question being put, it was carried in the Negative

Motion being made that every Committee appointed to bring in a Bill that shall obtain leave to apply to a Gentleman of the Law to prepare the same do give the Heads thereof to the Clerk of this House in order to his getting the same framed into a Bill by any Gentleman of the Law he thinks fit; and that Motion being objected to and a Debate arising thereon and the Question being put, it was carried in the Negative

Commissioners of ye Light House ordered to lay their Accts. before ye House.

Motion being made that the Commissioners nominated and appointed in and by the Act to repair and secure the ffoundation of the Light House on Tybee Island passed the 27th March 1759 be ordered to lay their Accounts before this House

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do issue Orders accordingly.

And the Church-Wardens & Vestry, of Tax for ye use of ye Poor.

Motion being made that the Churchwardens and Vestry of Christ Church Parish be ordered to lay before this House all Accounts of Monies recd by them by way of Tax for the use of the poor of the said Parish

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do issue Orders accordingly.

Motion being made to bring in a Bill to prevent the Inhabitants of this Province from hiring harbouring or entertaining Spaniards coming into this Province from St Augustine and other places

Committee to bring in Bill to prevent hiring Spaniards.

ORDERED that Mr McKeithen Mr ffrancis and Mr Joseph Gibbons do prepare and bring in the same

Papers laid before ye House by order of ye Govr.

The Master in Chancery laid before the House by Order of His Honor the Governor

An Estimate of the Expence of erecting a place of Defence on Cockspur Island

A plan of the ffort or place of Defence proposed to be erected

And a Draught or plan of the Island of Cockspur

ORDERED that the said Papers do lie upon the Table for the Inspection and Consideration of the Members of this House

Motion being made that the late Commissioners appointed for reparing (sic) the Light House on Tybee Island do report to the House what has been done towards the Reparation of the same

Commissioners of ye L. House ordered to make Report.

ORDERED that the said Commissioners do make their Report on Monday Morning next

Motion being made for leave to bring in a Bill for the Encouragement of Piety and Virtue and for preventing and punishing of Vice prophaness and Immorality and for keeping holy the Lord's day commonly called Sunday

Committee to bring in Bill for encouragemt of Piety & Virtue

ORDERED that Mr Read Mr Wood and Mr William Gibbons do prepare and bring in the same

Mr Wylly appointed of the Committee to bring in a Bill for regulating the pilotage in this Province moved for leave to apply to a Gentleman of the Law to prepare the said Bill

ORDERED that the said Committee have leave accordingly

Mr Graham of the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for building a ffort on the Island of Cockspur moved for leave to apply to a Gentleman of the Law to prepare the same

ORDERED that the said Committee have leave accordingly

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, November the 18th 1761.

Mr. Winn takes Oaths of Allegiance &c.

Mr Winn one of the Representatives for the Parish of St John attended His Honor in the Council Chamber and took the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Oath of Abjuration and made and subscribed the Declaration, and being returned took his seat as a Member of this House

The Clerk ordered to make Copy of Rules.

ORDERED that the Clerk of this House do make out a Copy of the Rules of the House to be hung up in the Assembly Room

ORDERED that Mr ffrancis have leave of Absence from the Service of this House till Monday next

Committee to bring in Bill for building ffort at Cockspur instructed to consider ways for erecting a Look Out on Midway River.

Motion being made that other Members be added to the Committee appointed for bringing in a Bill for building a ffort upon the Island of Cockspur and that the Committee be instructed to consider of Ways and Means for erecting a Look-Out on Midway River

ORDERED that Mr Joseph Gibbons and Mr Carter be added to that Committee

Committee to bring in Bill for regulating Pilotage instructed to consider ways for paying a Pilot for Midway River

Motion being made that other Members be added to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for regulating the Pilotage of this Province and that they have Instructions to consider the Ways and Means for paying a Pilot to be stationed on Midway River; and that Commissioners be appointed to inspect the Pilotage

ORDERED that Mr Joseph Gibbons and Mr McKeithen be added to that Committee.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, November ye 19th 1761.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday, November ye 20th 1761.

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, November ye 21st 1761.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, November ye 23^d 1761.

House called over

The order of the day for the Call of the House being read the House was called over, and the names of such Members as made default to appear were taken down. And the List of Defaulters being called over, several appeared and were excused upon (sic) of Illness or extraordinary Avocations. And the names of Robert Baillie and Eward Barnard being called over,

ORDERED that in Consideration of the shortness of the Notice given to attend their Service in Assembly they have further time given them till this day Se'nnight.

Another call ordered.

ORDERED that this House be called over on Monday the 30th day of November instant.

Commissioners of L. House lay their Accts. before ye House.

The order of the day being read the Commissioners appointed and nominated by and in the Act to repair and secure the foundation of the Light House on Tybee Island passed the 29th day of March 1759 laid their Accounts before the House, and the Titles of the same were read.

ORDERED that the said Accounts do lye upon the Table for the Inspection of the Members of this House

The late commrs. of ye L. House make their Rept.

The late Commissioners for repairing the Light House on Tybee Island, reported an Account of the necessary Repairs wanting, and a Calculation of the Expence thereof and that they had agreed to allow the Master Workmen 5/ a day and other able Hands 3/ a day and their Expences in going to the Light House to see the Timber carried thither and placed to advantage

ORDERED that the Account of the Repairs and the Calculation of the Expence thereof do lie upon the Table for the Inspection of the Members of this House

Addiconal Instrs given to ye Committee for bringing in a Bill for building a ffort at Cockspur.

Motion being made that Additional Instructions be given to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for erecting a ffort at Cockspur to insert a Clause or Clauses in the same Bill for erecting a Look Out on the Midway River

ORDERED that the said Committee be instructed to insert a Clause or Clauses in the said Bill for that purpose

Petition of Jas. Anderson

A Petition of James Anderson was presented to the House and read setting forth that the Petitioner pursuant to a Proclamation signed by His Excellency Governor Reynolds for the apprehending several ffelons that had broke prison and made their Escape from Savannah Goal, did apprehend and take David Dundass one of those

ffelons at least one hundred and twenty miles from this place, in the Month of April 1756 and brought the said ffelon to Savannah with the Expence and Trouble of eleven days, two Men and Horses and one pound nineteen shillings and eight pence in Cash, and has not yet received any Satisfaction for the same, And therefore praying that provision be made for the Reward promised for apprehending the said ffelon and for the extraordinary service in bringing the said ffelon to Savannah.

ORDERED that the said Petition do lye upon the Table until the House take into Consideration the Estimate of the publick Expences

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, November the 24th 1761.

The Master in Chancery laid before the House by Order of His Honor the Governor

Estimate laid before ye House by the Govr's. Order.

An Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one Year commencing the 29th of September 1761 and ending the 29th of Septr 1762.

ORDERED that the said Estimate do lye upon the Table for the perusal of the Members of this House

Motion being made for bringing in a Bill for ascertaining officers fees in this Province

Committee appointed to bring in Bill for ascertaining officers fees.

ORDERED that Mr McKeithen Mr Carter Mr Graham Mr Read and Mr Noble Wimberly Jones be a Comittee to prepare and bring in the same

ORDERED that Mr Winn have leave of Absence from his Service in Assembly till ffriday next

Mr McKeithen of the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for ascertaining officers fees moved for leave to apply to an Attorney at Law to prepare the said Bill

ORDERED that the said Committee have leave accordingly

Provost Marshal ordered to lay Accts. before ye House.

Motion being made that the Provost Marshal do lay before this House his Account for the Maintenance of Prisoners in Goal; and that the Secretary, the Register and the Attorney General do lay before this House their Accounts for Publick Business from the 29th of Sept 1760 to the 29th of Septr 1761.

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do issue orders accordingly.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, November the 25th 1761.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, November the 26th 1761.

Mr Graham from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for building a ffort and Battery upon the Island of

Committee to bring in Bill for building a ffort &c upon Cockspur Island make their Rept.

Cockspur and establishing a Look-Out on Midway River, and to consider ways and means for defraying the Expence thereof, reported they had considered Ways and Means for defraying the Expence of building the said ffort and Battery upon Cockspur Island and establishing a Look-Out on Midway River, and had come to several Resolutions which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will be pleased to receive the same,

ORDERED that the said Report be now made Then Mr Graham read the Resolutions in his place and afterwards delivered them in at the Table where the same were again read by the Clerk, and are as follow, Viz^t

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that the Sum of four hundred Pounds will be necessary for erecting a ffort and Battery on Cockspur Island And that the Sum of one hundred Pounds will be necessary for establishing a Look Out on Midway River

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that the Sum of five hundred pounds be raised by issuing Certificates to be sunk in five years by a Tax of Ten shillings on every hundred pounds Value of Deer Skins sent or carried out of this Province by Land or Water, except to Great Britain only And that the said Sum of five hundred Pounds be applyed for erecting the said ffort and Battery at Cockspur and establishing a Look-Out on Midway River

The House resolve into a Committee of the whole House upon the Report.

Motion being made that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Report into Consideration, the House resolved into a Committee accordingly, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Kennan from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Report into Consideration and agreed thereto.

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committee to the said Report.

Directions to the Committee for bringing in a Bill for building a ffort &c at Cockspur.

Motion being made that the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for building a ffort and Battery upon the Island of Cockspur and establishing a Look-Out on the Midway River be directed to bring in the Bill agreeable to the Resolutions of the Committee appointed to consider Ways and Means for defraying the Expence of building the said ffort and Battery and establishing the said Look-Out, and agreed to by the House

ORDERED that the said Committee have Directions accordingly.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to prevent ye hiring Spaniards &c present ye same.

Mr McKeithen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the Inhabitants of this Province from hiring harbouring or entertaining Spaniards coming into the same from Augustine and other places, reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow morning

ORDERED that Mr Carter have leave of Absence from his Service in Assembly for a Week

ORDERED that Mr West have leave of Absence from his Service in Assembly till next Monday.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday November the 27th 1761.

Said Bill read a second time

The Bill intitled An Act to prevent the Inhabitants of this province from hiring harbouring or Entertaining Spaniards coming into the same from Augustine or other places was read a second time

Motion being made that the said Bill be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House

and committed to a Committee of ye whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration; the House resolved into a Committee accordingly, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Butler from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration, and gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED that the said Report be made on Monday morning next.

A Message from His Honor by the Master in Chancery

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen,

Message from the Govr.

On the sixth of April last, I sent you a Message relative to the Repair of the Court House and Jury Room in consequence of which the Sum of Seventy Pounds was granted and appropriated for that purpose by the last Tax Law. And on viewing those Buildings and considering which way they might be repaired and made most useful at the least Expence, I ordered a Calculation to be made

by Workmen of the Expence of repairing them as they now stand, and of adding another Story to the Court House; from which it appears that to repair the Court House and raise another Story on the lower Works which will furnish very convenient Jury Rooms, exclusive of Iron Work, will amount to one hundred and ninety two pounds ten shillings; And that to repair the Court House as it now stands without any Alteration or Addition and build Jury Rooms, will very greatly exceed that Sum ffor which reason I have delayed ordering any Repairs or Alteration to be made that the matter might be laid before you and such Additional Sum granted as you may think proper

27 Novr 1761. JA: WRIGHT

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, November 28th 1761.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, Novr 30th 1761.

Committee of ye whole House make their Rept. upon the bill to prevent hiring Spaniards &c.

The Order of the Day being read M^{r} McKeithen (Mr Butler being absent) from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Bill intitled An Act to prevent the Inhabitants of this Province from hiring harbouring or entertaining Spaniards coming into the same from Saint Augustine and other places, was referred, reported the Amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committee to the Amendments made to the first Clause of the said Bill

RESOLVED that this House doth not agree to the Amendment made by the said Committee to the second Clause of the said Bill.

Bill for amending Road Act read ye first time.

A Bill intitled An Act for further explaining and amending An Act intitled An Act for explaining and amending An Act to impower the several Surveyors therein named to lay out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia, was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow Morning

Bill for raising and granting to his Maty 440 £ for erecting a ffort & Battery &c read ye first time.

A Bill intitled An Act for raising and granting to His Majesty the Sum of four hundred and forty pounds Sterling for erecting a ffort and Battery on the Island of Cocksnur in the River Savannah and the Sum of one hundred Pounds Sterling for erecting a Look-Out and Battery on Midway River and for impowering Commissioners to issue Certificates for the said Sums, and for sinking the same by a Tax of ten shillings on every hundred pounds value of Deer Skins and Beaver Skins exported from or taken or carried out of this Province to any part of His Majesty's Dominions except to Great Britain only was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow Morning.

House called over.

The Order of the Day being read for the Call of the House, the House was called over and the names of such Members as made default to appear were taken down; and a List of Defaulters being called over some appeared and were excused, and Mr Milledge making An Excuse for Robert Baillie Esquire his Excuse was admitted.

Mr Barnard Informed the House that on Friday even-

Information of Mr. Barnard.

ing last Grey Elliott Esqr one of his Majestys Council did in Publick Company and in the presence of Several Members of this House, then being at the House of Mr Nicholas Lawrence Tavern keeper in Savannah, say, that some damn'd Scoundrel had been vile Enough to say that the Governor and Council intended to pocket the money, arising from the Sales of Sundry Lots in Savannah, and that, that Scoundrel was a Member of the Commons House of Assembly, that the said Mr Elliott being called upon to name the person, he said he was not very sure, but Believed he Could put his thumb upon him

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the upper House

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House.

This House having been Informed that on Friday Evening last, Grey Elliott Esqr one of the Members of your House, did on Friday Ev. in Publick Company, and in presence of Several Members of this House, then being in the House of Mr Nicholas Lawrence Tavernkeeper in Savannah, say, that some damn'd Scoundrel had been vile Enough to say that the Governor and Council intended to pocket the money Arising from the Sales of Sundry Lots in Savannah and that, that Scoundrel was a Member of the Commons House of Assembly, that the said Mr Elliott being Called upon to name that person, he said he was not very sure but believed he Could put his thumb upon him, This House therefore desires your Honors, that the said Mr Elliott may be Called upon by your Honors, and directed to Acquaint this House with the name of the Member of this House that said the Governor and Council intended to pocket the money arising from the Sales of Sundry Lots in Savannah

Motion being made that the Clerk of the Council be

Ordr. to ye Clerk of Council.

directed to lay Before this House a List of all Fees of Office in this Province as they are now established by order of the Governor and Council.

ORDERED, that Mr Speaker do issue an order Accordingly

And, then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning nine OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday December the 1st 1761.

Bill for amending Road Act read 2d time.

The Bill intitled, An Act for further Explaining and Amending an Act Intitled An Act for explaining and Amending an Act to Impower the Several Surveyors therein named to Lay out Public Roads in the Province of Georgia was read a Second time

Motion being made that the said Bill be refered (sic) to the Consideration of a Committee of the Whole House.

referred to Committee of whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will Immediately Resolve itself into a Comittee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration Immediately.

The House Resolved into a Comittee accordingly and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Maxwell from the Comittee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through the same and made Several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same

Report of Committee

ORDERED that the said report be now made.

Then Mr Maxwell in his place read the same and after-

wards deliver'd the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

agreed to.

Bill ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed

Bill for granting 440 £ for erecting a ffort on Cockspur &c read ye second time

The Bill intitled an Act for raising and granting to his Majesty the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds Sterling for Erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur in the River Savannah, and the sum of One Hundred Pounds Sterling for Erecting a Lookout or Battery on Midway River and for impowering Commissioners for Issuing Certificates for the said Sums and for Sinking the same by a Tax of Ten Shillings Sterling on every Hundred Pounds Sterling value of Deer Skins and Beaver Skins exported from or taken or Carried out of this Province to any part of his Majestys Dominions Except to Great Britain only, was read a Second time

referred to a Com. of ye whole House.

Motion being made that the said Bill be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the Whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will Immediately Resolve itself into a Comittee of the Whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration

The House Resolved into a Comittee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Deveaux from the Committee reported that they had gone through part of the said Bill and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to sit again

RESOLVED that this House will Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take the said Bill into further Consideration on Tomorrow Morning

Joseph Ottolenghe Esquire Returned by Writ to Serve

Mr. Ottolenghe takes ye Oaths.

in General Assembly for the Town of Savannah in the Room of Grey Elliott Esqr Lately Appointed one of his Majestys Council Attended his Honor the Governor and took the Oaths of Allegience (sic) and Supremacy and the Oath of Abjuration and made and Subscribed the declaration And being returned took his Seat as a Member of this House

Petition of ye C. Wardens & Vestry of ye Parish of St. Paul.

A Petition of the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish Church of St Paul was presented to the House and Read,

Setting forth that the Church and Parsonage House of the said Parish are in a very Ruinous and decayed Condition the former so much that no repair Whatever can render it fit for Service.

That this decayed State hath been Chiefly Occasioned by length of time, but helped by the unavoidable uses to which those two Edificies (sic) were appropriated during the late Cherokee War and Creek Alarm to wit, as places of Reception for the Persons and Effects of the out Inhabitants of that part of the Province

That the aforesaid Church and Parsonage House were at first Built by Private Subscription to which the Parishoners Contributed Cheerfully According to their Ability and thereby prevented an Expence to the Publick

That the said Parish hath been for some Considerable time past without a Minister of the Gospel and as a Favourable opportunity now offers for the Inhabitants thereof to Avail themselves of one they Would Willingly Embrace it.

That the Inhabitants of the said Parish are Incapable of going through the Whole Expence of Building a New Church and repairing the Parsonage House but will Con-

tribute thereto According to their Ability, and therefore Praying that an Act of General Assembly might pass this Present session for the Building a New Church and repairing the Parsonage House in the Parish aforesaid and that this House would be pleased to grant for those Purposes Such a Sum of Money as this House should think Proper.

Committee appointed to examine Matter of Petition

ORDERED that Mr Barnard Mr McGillivray and Mr Graham be a Committee to Examine the Matter of the said Petition and Report the same as it shall appear to them, to the House, And then the House Adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday December 2d 1761.

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House According to the order of the day and took into further Consideration The Bill Intitled an Act for Raising and granting to his Majsty the Sum of Four hundred Pounds Sterling for Erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur in the River Savannah and the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Sterling for Erecting a Look Out or Battery on Midway River and for Impowering Commissioners to Issue Certificates for the said Sums and for Sinking the same by a Tax of Ten Shillings Sterling on every Hundred Pounds of Deer Skins or Beaver Skins Exported from or taken or Carried out of this Province to any part of his Majesty's Dominions Except to Great Britain only . . and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Deveaux from the Committee reported that they had gone through the Bill and made Several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the

House when the House would be pleased to Receive the Same.

ORDERED that the said report be now made.

Report of Com. of whole House upon ye ffort Bill.

Then Mr Deveaux in his place read the Same and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read by the Clerk

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committee to the Amendments made by the said Committee to the said Bill and that the Title to the said Bill be A Bill Intitled an Act for Raising & Granting to his Majesty the sum of Four Hundred and Forty pounds Sterling for erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur in the River Savannah and the sum of One Hundred Pounds sterlg for Erecting a Look Out and Battery on Midway River and for Impowering Commissioners to Issue Certificates for the said Sums. And for Sinking the same by a Tax of Ten Shillings Sterling on every Hundred Pounds Sterling Value of Deer Skins or Beaver Skins Exported from or taken or carried out of this Province to any Part of his Majestys Dominions Except to Great Britain only.

Bill ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed

Committee appointed to examine ye present Condicion of L. House.

ORDERED that Mr Read Mr Joseph Gibbons Mr Butler, Mr Millidge Mr Wylly, Mr Deveaux, and Mr Winn be a Committee to View and Examine the present State and Condition of the Light House on Tybee Island and Report the Same to the House and that it be recommended to the Commissioners for repairing the Light House to defer the reparation thereof until the said Committee shall have made their report to this House.

Committee to bring in Bill to amend ye Act for recovery of small Debts.

Motion being made for Leave to bring in a Bill to Amend an Act Entitled an Act for the more Easy and Speedy Recovery of Small debts and Damages.

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Deveaux and Mr Ewen be a Committee to Prepare and bring in the Same

Bill for amending Road Act read 3d time & passed.

A Bill intitled an Act for further Explaining & Amending An Act intitled an Act for Explaining and Amending an Act to Empower the Several Surveyors therein named, to lay out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia was read the third time

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Read do Carry the same to the upper House— And desire their Concurrance (sic) thereto.

Petition of seval Merchants of Savannah.

A Petition of Several Merchants and Shopkeepers in the Town of Savannah whose Names are thereunto Subscribed in behalf of themselves and other Merchants and Traders in the Province of Georgia, was presented to the House and Read,

Representing. That if the Bill now depending in this House for Raising and Granting to his Majesty the Sum of Four Hundred and forty Pounds Sterling for erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur in the River Savannah and the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Sterling for Erecting a Look Out and Battery on Midway River and for Impowering Commissioners to Issue Certificates for the Said Sums and for Sinking the same by a Tax of Ten Shillings Sterling on every hundred Pounds value of Deer Skins or Beaver skins Exported from or taken or Carried out of this Province to any part of his Majestys Dominions except to Great Britain only; Should pass into a Law, the Petitioners conceive it will not only throw a very Unequal Burthen upon a

few Individuals, but also endanger the intire Loss of the Skin trade to this Province. and not at all answer the Purposes for which it was designed

That the Skin Trade did 'till within these two years, wholly Center in the Adjacent Province of South Carolina from whence it was found Extreemly difficult to remove any part of it; Since which a Small part hath been Introduced into this Province, but even this small part is in a very wavering State and far from being Established, the Merchants in Carolina Exerting themselves and using their utmost Endeavours, not only to prevent the Merchants here from having any further Share in the Said Trade, but also to draw back that which hath with so much difficulty been brought hither, so that the Merchants in Georgia to Induce the Indian Traders to Supply themselves with Goods from them are under the Necessity of Selling Cheaper then the Carolina Merchants, tho their Goods Come to their hands attended with heavier Charges then the Goods of the Merchants of South Carolina

That the Charges on this Branch of Business are much higher than on any other in this Province, and should this Tax of Ten Shillings on every Hundred Pounds value of Skins be Laid the Charges would Amount to three and half Per Cent.

That the Tax on every Hundred pounds Value of Goods is Six Shillings. Ten Shillings is proposed to be put on every Hundred Pounds Value of Skins exported, (Except to Great Britain) Freights to Charles Town (for to Charles Town most of the Skins must be sent), on every hundred Pounds value of Skins is fifteen Shillings. These Charges Amount to about one and a half per cent and for Insurance to Charles Town is paid two ℔ Cent. when these charges are thrown together and

withal the charge of bringing the Goods from Charles Town and the Low Advance the Merchants are obliged to Supply the Traders at, in order to Induce them to purchase here, it will be found that the Profits of the Merchants on this Branch of Trade must be very Inconsiderable And Should they Attempt to raise the price of their Goods ever so Small a Trifle they would Certainly endanger the Loss of the whole Trade.

And that Whereas it is alledged that this Tax Proposed to be Laid on the Skin Trade will Induce the Merchants to bring Shipping to this Province, the Petitioners Apprehend that will not be the Case, for Skins alone can never much the (sic) Encrease the Shipping of Any Province two or three Vessels being sufficient to Carry away all that are exported from any Province in America and one small Vessel being Sufficient to Carry all that are Exported from this Province. And Experience has taught the Merchants that when they have brought Vessels here to be Loaden they have found it in General very difficult to Lade them and have always been obliged to pay a Much higher price for their Rice and Indigo, than those Commodities could be purchased for in South Carolina, and often they have been obliged to pay for them in Bills of Exchange. An Additional Tax therefore upon the Trade of this Province can never be presumed to encrease its Shipping, but Admitting that this Tax will have the Effect Alledged and bring Vessels hither the Consequence will be that the Merchants will have opportunities of Shipping their Skins free of Tax and the Ends Proposed by it will be Frustrated.

That the Petitioners apprehend it has at all times been the Pollicy of all Nations to encourage the Trade of their Colonies in their Infancy Especially and not embarrass it or Check it by Taxes and Impositions which must necessarily prevent Merchants from Setling in them.

That the Petitioners have reason to Apprehend if proper Application were made for a Guard Ship to protect the Trade of this Province there would be one appointed for that Purpose which would not only be a better Security than a Fort a (sic) Cockspur but of very great Advantage to this Province, whereas the Petitioners Apprehend the Building a Fort at Cockspur will be attended with a heavy Expence to this Province which Cannot be defrayed by the means Proposed and therefore praying this House to take the Premises into Consideration and that the said Bill might not Pass into a Law.

ORDERED that the said Petition do Lye upon the Table

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday December the 3d 1761.

The Bill for granting &c for erecting a ffort at Cockspur &c read ye 3d time

The Bill Intitled an Act for Raising and Granting to his Majesty the Sum of Four Hundred and forty Pounds Sterling for Erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur in the river Savannah and the Sum of One hundred Pounds Sterling for Erecting a Look out and Battery on Midway River and for Impowering Commissioners to Issue Certificates for the said sums and for sinking the same by a Tax of Ten Shillings Sterling on every Hundred Pounds Sterling Value of Deer Skins or Beaver Skins Exported from or Carried out of this Province to any part of his Majestys Dominions except Great Britain only was read the third time

and passed

RESOLVED, that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Graham do Carry the same to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

Motion being made for leave to Bring in a Bill for

Erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur in the River Savannah and a Look out and Battery on Midway River

Committee appointed to bring in Bill for erecting a ffort at Cockspur &c

ORDERED that Mr Graham Mr Wylly Mr Millidge Mr Noble Wimberly Jones, and Mr Francis be a Committee to bring in the same, and that they have Leave to Apply to a Gentleman of the Law, to prepare the same if they think fit

The said Bill presented and read the first time

Mr Graham from the Committee appointed to Bring in a Bill for Erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur and a Look out and Battery on Midway River, Reported the same was Prepared and the Same was received and read the first time and ordered to be Read a Second time tomorrow Morning

Motion being made for leave to Bring in a Bill for Erecting and Establishing a Work House in the Town of Savannah.

Committee appointed to bring in Bill for erecting a Work House.

ORDERED that Mr Wylly Mr Ottolenghie (sic) And Mr Deveaux be a Committee to prepare & bring in the same

The Bill to prevent hiring Spaniards read ye third time & passed.

The Bill intitled an Act to Prevent the Inhabitants of this Province from Harbouring, Hiring or Entertaining Spaniards from Coming into the Same from Augustine and other places was read the third time

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED That Mr Mckeithen do Carry the Same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrance (sic) thereto

The pilotage Bill read ye first time.

Mr Wylly from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the Several Ports of this Province, reported the Same was Pre-

pared and it was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a Second time tomorrow Morning

And then the House Adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday December the 4th 1761.

Read ye 2d time & referred to a Com. of ye whole House.

A Bill intitled an Act for Regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the Several Ports of this Province was read a second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will on Monday Morning next resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take to take (sic) the said Bill into Consideration.

The Bill to amend ye Act for recovery of small debts read ye first time

Mr Ottolenghe Presented to the House According to order A Bill intitled an Act to explain and Amend an Act intitled an Act for the more easy and Speedy recovery of small Debts And damages which was received and read the first time and ordered to be secon (sic) Read a Second time on Monday Morning Next.

The ffort Bill read ye second time & Committed.

The Bill intitled an Act for Erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur in the River Savannah, And a Look out and Battery on Midway River was read a Second time and Committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration Immediately

The House resolved into a Committee Accordingly

and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through the same and made Several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED that the said report be now made

Then Mr Ottolenghe in his Place read the same and Afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed.

The Bill for preventing and punishing Vice &c read the first time

Mr Read Presented to the House according to order a Bill for Preventing and Punishing of Vice Prophaness and Immorality and for keeping Holy the Lords day Commonly Called Sunday, and the same was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

And then the House Adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday December the 5th 1761.

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till Tomorrow (sic) Morning 10 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday December the 7th 1761.

The ffort Bill read the 3d time & passed.

The Bill intitled an Act for Erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur in the River Savannah and a Look out and Battery on Midway River was read the third time.

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED That Mr Joseph Gibbons do Carry the Same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrance (sic) thereto.

Report of Com. upon the Pilotage Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the Several Ports of this Province and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Read from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through the Same and made Several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, that the said report be now made.

The House agree thereto.

Then Mr Read, read the same in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

The Bill ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED, that the said Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday December the 8th 1761.

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning Nine OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday December the 9th 1761.

The Bill Intitled an Act for the Preventing and Punishing Vice Profaneness and Immorality and keeping Hòly the Lords day, Commonly Called Sunday, was read a Second time.

The Bill for punishing Vice &c read 2d time

Motiòn being made that the said Bill be refered (sic) to the Consideration of a Comittee of the whole House.

referred to Com. of the whole House

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill tomorrow Morning.

A Bill Intitled an Act to Explain and Amend an Act intitled an Act for the more Easy and speedy recovery of Small debts and damages was read a Second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House

The Bill for amending ye Act for recovery of small Debts read a 2d time & committed

The Bill intitled an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the Several Ports of this Province was read the third time

Pilotage Bill read 3d time & passed.

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED That Mr Wylly do Carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Mr Barnard from the Committee to whom the Petition

Report of ye Com. upon the petition of ye C. Wardens & Vestry of St. Paul's parish.

of the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Saint Paul was refered—Reported that they had Examined the Matter thereof and were of Opinion that the Sum of One Hundred Pounds should be granted towards Building of a Church at Augusta in the Parish of St Paul and repairing the Parsonage House and that the said Sum should be provided for in the General Tax.

ORDERED that the Consideration of the said report be defered until this House shall take into Consideration the Estimate of the Publick Expences for the Current Year.

Motion being made for leave to Bring in a Bill for Building a Church at Augusta in the Parish of St Paul and for repairing the Parsonage House in the Said Parish and for Appointing Commissioners to Superintend the Same

Committee appointed to bring in Bill for building a Church at Augusta &c.

ORDERED that Mr Graham Mr Barnard And Mr M^c-Gillivray be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

And then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morn^g Nine OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday December the 10th 1761.

Report of Com. upon Bill for preventing and punishing vice &c

The Bill intitled an Act for the Preventing and Punishing of Vice Prophaness and Immorality and for keeping Holy the Lords day Commonly Called Sunday was taken into Consideration by a Committee of the Whole House And after sometime spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Read from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and

made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House would be pleased to receive the Same

ORDERED that the said report be now made

Agreed to.

Then Mr Read in his Place read the Same and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and Agreed to by the House

Bill ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED that the Said Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed.

And then the House Adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday December the 11th 1761.

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned again 'till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday December the 12th 1761.

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday Morning ten O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday December the 12th (sic) 1761

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in

Message from Upper House

Chancery—That they have Pass'd the Bill intitled the Act for raising and granting to his Majesty the Sum of Four hundred and forty Pounds Sterling for Erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur in the River Savannah and the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Sterling for Erecting a Look Out & Battery on Midway River and for Empowering Commissioners to Issue Certificates for the said Sums and for Sinking the Same by a Tax of Ten Shillings Sterling on every Hundred Pounds Sterling Value of Deer Skins or Beaver Skins Exported from or taken or Carried out of this Province to any Part of his Majestys Dominions Except to Great Britain only without any Amendments.

That they had also passed a Bill intitled an Act for further Exclaimg (sic) and Amending an Act to Empower the Several Surveyors therein named to lay out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia with Several Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House—

That they had also Passed a Bill intitled an Act for Erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur in the River Savannah and a Look Out and Battery on Midway River with Several Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

Motion for appointing an Agent.

Motion was made for Appointing an Agent to Transact the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain.

RESOLVED that it appears to this House to be Necessary that an Agent should be appointed to transact the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain

Motion being made that the Honourable William Knox Esqr be Appointed Agent to Transact the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain

RESOLVED Nem: Con: that the Honourable William Knox Esquire is a proper Person to Transact the Business of this Province in Great Britain as Provintial (sic) Agent

Motion was made for Leave to bring in an ordinance for Appointing the Honble William Knox Esquire Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain

Committee to prepare ordinance for an Agent.

ORDERED that Mr Wylly and Mr Graham be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

The Ordinance presented

Mr Wylly Presented to the House According to order an Ordinance for appointing the Honourable William Knox Esqr Agent to Sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain and the same was received and read and agreed to by the House.

and passed.

RESOLVED that the same do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Wylly do Carry the same to the upper House & desire their Cocurrance (sic) thereto

Motion was made that the sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling be Annually allowed the Provincial Agent for Solliciting the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain for defraying his Expences of Coach Hire over and besides his reasonable charges and disbursements in negotiating the affairs of this Province and that he be directed to lay before this House Annually his Account of such his charges and disbursements with proper Vouchers.

Allowance to the Agent

RESOLVED that the Sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling be annually Allowed the Provincial Agent for his Expence of Coach hire over and besides his reasonable charges, and disbursements in Negotiating the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain an Account of such Charges

and disbursements being Annually Laid before and Approved of by this House

And then the House Adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning nine OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday December the 15th 1761.

The House consider of ye Amendments made by the Upper House to ye ffort Bill.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill Intitled an Act for Erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur in the river Savannah and a Look out and Battery on Midway river and agreed thereto. The House also took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intitled an Act for the further explaining and amending an Act intitled an Act for Explaining and Amending an Act to empower the Several Surveyors therein named to lay out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia and Agreed to some and disagreed to Others.

ORDERED that the Following Message be sent to the upper House by Mr Barnard.

Commons House of Assembly, Decemr 15th 1761

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House.

This House having taken into Consideration the Amendments made by your House to the Bill intitled an Act for Erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur in the river Savannah and a Look out and Battery on the river Midway doth agree thereto and having also taken into Consideration the Amendments made by your House to the Bill intitled an Act for further explaining and Amending an Act entitled an Act for

explaining and Amending an Act to empower the Several Surveyors therein named to Lay out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia, doth Agree to Some and disagree to Others and therefore desires you will please to appoint a Committee of your House to Confer with a Committee of this House on the Subject matter of the said Amendments, and if your Honors please to Join in Conference, this House desires you'l appoint your Number time and Place

The Com. of ye Whole House consider the Bill for amending ye Act for recovery of small debts.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House and took into Consideration the Bill intitled an Act to explain and Amend an Act entitled an Act for the more easy and Speedy recovery of small debts and Damages and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through part thereof and made some Amendments thereunto and that he was directed by the Committee (sic) for leave to Sit again

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House further to Consider the said Bill Tomorrow Morning

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday December the 16th 1761.

They further consider the said Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House according to order and took into further Consideration the Bill intitled an Act to explain and amend an Act intitled an Act for the more Speedy re-

covery of Small Debts and Damages and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will Please to receive the same.

and make their Report.

ORDERED that the said report be now made

Then Mr Ottolenghe read the report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read by the Clerk and agreed to by the House.

which is agreed to.

The Bill ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed

A Motion was made that a List of the Titles of all the Acts of General Assembly of this Province now in force and use, should be fixed up in the Lobby of this House.

An order to the Clerk.

ORDERED that the Clerk of this House do make out such List and fix up the Same

The Bill intitled an Act for Preventing and Punishing Vice Prophaness (sic) and Immorality and for keeping Holy the Lords day Commonly Called Sunday was Read the Third Time

The Bill for punishing Vice &c. read 3d time & passed.

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED That Mr Read do Carry up the Same to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

And then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday December the 17th 1761

Bill for ascertaining officers fees read ye first time.

Mr McKeithen Presented to the House according to order a Bill for regulating and Ascertaining the Several Officers Fees within this Province and the Same was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Mr Speaker,

Message from the Upper House.

[In transcript of Message agreeing to conference on Public Roads Bill, with names of Committees see Journal of Upper House 15 Dec. end of day]

ORDERED that Mr Noble Wimberly Jones, Mr McGillivray and, Mr Barnard be a Committee to Join the Committee of the Upper House in Conference on the Subject matter of the Amendments made by the upper House to the Bill intitled an Act for further Explaining and Amending an Act intitled an Act to empower the Several Surveyors therein named to Lay out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia.

They Withdrew Accordingly and being returned Mr Jones reported that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bill

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committee to the said report.

ORDERED that Mr Barnard do Acquaint the upper House that this House doth agree with their Committee to the said report.

And Then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday December the 18th 1761.

The Bill to amend ye Act for recovery of small Debts read the 3d time & passed.

The Bill intitled an Act to Explain and Amend an Act intitled an Act for the more easy and Speedy recovery of Small Debts and Damages was read the third time

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Millidge do Carry the Same to the upper House and desire their Concurrence ther'to—

The Bill for ascertaining ffees read a 2d time & Committed.

The Bill intitled an Act for regulating an (sic) Ascertaining the Several Officers Fees within this Province, was read a Second time and Committed to a Committee of the Whole House

RESOLVED that this House will Immediately Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee Accordingly and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Mckeithen from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through Part thereof and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to Sit again.

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to Consider the said Bill.

And then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday December the 19th 1761.

Message from the Governor.

A Message from the Governor by the Master in Chancery requiring the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber Immediately

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the whole House Attended the Governor in the Council Chamber and being returned the Speaker Acquainted the House, his Honor had been Pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills Vizt

An Act for raising and granting to his Majesty the Sum of Four Hundred and Forty Pounds for erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur in the River Savannah and the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Sterling for erecting a Lookout and Battery on Midway River and for impowering Commissioners to Issue Certificates for the said the (sic) Sums, and for Sinking the Same by a Tax of Ten shillings Sterling on every Hundred Pounds value of Deer Skins and Beaver Skins exported from or taken or Carried out of this Province to any Part of his Majesties Dominions Except to Great Britain only.

An Act for Erecting a Fort and Battery on the Island of Cockspur in the River Savannah and a Look out and Battery on Midway River

ORDERED That Lachlan McGillivray Esqr have Leave of Absence from his Service in Assembly for Two Months.

A Message from his Honor the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

Mr Speaker & Gentlemen

Another Message from the Govr.

I do hereby Adjourn the Commons House of Assembly until Monday the Eleventh day of January 1762 then to meet for Dispatch of Business, and it is Accordingly Adjourned Given under my hand at Savannah the 19th day of December 1761 JA: WRIGHT

To the Speaker & Members of the Commons House of Assembly

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, January the 11th 1762

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday January the 12th 1762

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday January the 13th 1762

Report of Com. upon the Bill for ascertaining Officers fees.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill for regulating and Ascertaining the Several Officers Fees within this Province and took the same into further Consideration and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr McKeithen from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and gone through

part thereof, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to Sit again

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole whole (sic) House further to Consider the said Bill on Monday Morning next.

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday January the 14th 1762.

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday January the 15th 1762.

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday January the 16th 1762

The House met according to Adjournmet (sic) and then Adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday January the 18th 1762

ORDERED that the order of the day be Adjourned over til to (sic) Tomorrow Morning, and then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday January the 19th 1762

further Report upon the sd. Bill.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole Whouse (sic) according to the order of the day and took into further Consideration the Bill intitled an Act for regulating and Ascertaining the Several Officers Fees within this Province and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr McKeithen from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made Several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED that the said report be now made

Then Mr McKeithen read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table with (sic) the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

The Bill with Amendments ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed

ORDERED that this House be Called over on Monday next.

ORDERED that the Clerk of this House do give Notice thereof to the Absent Members.

Motion being made that a Committee be Appointed to Consider of the Estimate of the Publick Expences for the Present year laid before this House by the Master in Chancery by Order of his Honor the Governor

Committee appointed to consider the Estimate.

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Read Mr Graham Mr Wylly and Mr Joseph Gibbons be that Committee

ORDERED that the said Estimate and other Papers be refered to the said Committee

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to Consider of Ways and Means for the Support and Payment of a Pilot for the Bar of Tybee and River Savannah and also for the Support and Payment of a Pilot for the Bar of St Catherines and the River Midway

Com. appointed to consider ways & means for paymt. of Pilots

ORDERED that Mr Joseph Gibbons Mr Carter Mr Read Mr Wylly and Mr McKeithen be that Committee

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday January the 19th 1762.

The Bill for ascertain'g officers read ye 3d time & passed.

The Bill intitled an Act for regulating and Ascertaining the Several Officers Fees within this Province was read the third time

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr McKeithen do Carry the Same to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Petition of Jos. Wright.

A Petition of Joseph Wright was Presented to the House and read, Setting forth, That the Petitioner having been Informed that John Deveaux the Elder deceased was by an Act Pass'd in the first Session of the Present General Assembly invested with Property of the Ferry Over Great Ogeachee River during the Term of Six years in Consideration of Certain Conditions in the said Act stipulated to be Performed by the said John Deveaux and that the said John Deveaux Did not Perform the said Conditions and the Petitioner being desirous of being invested with the Property of the said Ferry during the remainder of the said Term, or any other Term that might be thought Proper and ready and willing to Enter into Articles to fulfill any Conditions that might be required of him by Virtue of the said Act, or any other Act that might be made and Promising that the Utmost Care Should be employed is (sic) Properly discharging the duty of a Ferry Keeper should he be thought a Proper Person, And Therefore Praying that the Premisses might be taken into Consideration and the Petitioner invested with the Property of the said Ferry.

ORDERED that the said Petition do Lye upon the Table.

Message from the Upper House.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery Acquainting this House that the upper House had Passed a Bill intitled an Act for mending (sic) an Act Passed in the third Session of the Second General Assembly of this Province intitled an Act for regulating the Watch in the Town of Savannah to which they desired the Concurrence of this House and the same was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to morrow morning

And then the House Adjourned 'till tomorrow morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday January the 21st 1762.

Committee to consider ways for paymt. of Pilots make their Rept.

Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee appointed to Consider of ways and means for the Support and Payment of a Pilot for the Bar of Tybee and River of Savannah, and also for the Support and Payment of a Pilot for the Bar of St Catherine and River Midway, reported they had come to Several Resolutions which they had directed him to report to the House when the House would be pleased to receive the Same

ORDERED that the said report be now made

Then Mr Joseph Gibbons read the report in his place and, Afterwards delivered the resolutions in at the Table where the same were again Read and are as follow Vizt

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that there be for the Support and Payment of a Pilot for the Bar of Tybee and River Savannah the following Tax Laid Vizt

On all Lands on the North side of Tybee of Great Ogeachee River three pence Per hundred Acres

On all Slaves on the North side of Great Ogeachee River Three Pence Per head.

On all Goods and Merchandize imported into any river for Sale to the North of Great Ogeachee River inclusive Two Shillings Per Cent

On all Town Lotts lying and being on the North side of Great Ogeachee River twenty Pence Per Cent

On Moneys at Interest three Shillings and four Pence Per Cent.

And That there be for the Support and Payment of a Pilot for the Bar of S[t] Catherine and River Midway

The same Taxes as above Imposed on all Lands, Slaves Town Lotts and Improvements thereon and Monies at Interest on the South side of Great Ogeachee River

And also that there be the same Tax as Above on all Goods and Merchandize imported into any River in this Province for Sale to the Southwárd of Great Ogeachee River Exclusive.

The Rept referr'd to Com. of whole House.

Motion was made that the Consideration of the said report be refer'ed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Report tomorrow Morning.

A Message from the Upper House.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery, Acquainting this House that they have Passed a Bill intitled an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the Several Ports of this Isl. (sic) Province with some Amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The Bill for amending Watch Act read 2d time and Committed.

The Ingrossed Bill from the upper House intitled an Act for Amending an Act Passed in the third Session of the Second General Assembly of this Province, intitled an Act for regulating the watch in the Town of Savannah was read a Second time

Motion being made that the said Bill be refered to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House

RESOLVED that this House will Immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill

The House resolved into a Committee Accordingly and after Some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Deveaux from the Committee, reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through the same and made some Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House would be pleased to receive the Same

ORDERED That the said Report be now made

Then Mr Deveaux read the report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

And then the House Adjourned till to-morrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday January the 22d 1762.

The House resolve into a Com. upon the Rept. of ye Com. of ways & means for support and paymt of pilots.

The order of the day being read the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House and took into Consideration the report of the Committee of ways and means for the Support and Payment of a Pilot for the River Savannah and Bar of Tybee and also for the Support and Payment of a Pilot for the Bar of St Catherine and River Midway, and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported they had taken the report of the Committee of ways and means into Consideration and had come to Several resolutions thereupon which they had directed him to Report to the House when the House will be Pleased to Receive the same

ORDERED that the said Report be now made.

The Report of the Com. of the whole House.

Then Mr Ewin read the report in his Place and afterwards delivered the resolutions in at the Table where the Same were again Read and are as Follow. Viz^t

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Sterling be raised for the Encouragement of a Pilot for the Bar of Tybee and River of Savannah and great Ogeachee and the further Sum of Eighty Pounds be raised for the Encouragement of a Pilot for the Bar of St Catherine and River Midway and Southern Parts of this Province. That in order to raise the above Sums of One Hundred Pounds and Eighty Pounds the Collectors and Assessors do Assess one third of the said Sums on the Trading Interest of this Province for their Imports, and that the remaining two thirds be Raised by Assessment on Lands Negroes, Town Lotts and Monies at Interest

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that the Sum of One Hundred Pounds to be raised for the Pilot for Tybee and the Rivers Savannah and Great Ogeachee be Assessed on the Inhabitants of the Parish's of Christ Church St Matthew, St George, St Paul and on all the Inhabitants of St Philips Parish who Import and Export by the River Great Ogeachee and that the Sum of Eighty Pounds to be raised for the Pilot for the Bar of St Catherine and River Midway and the Southern Parts of this Province be Assessed on the Inhabitants of the Parishes of St John, St Andrew, and St James and on all the Inhabitants of St Philips Parish who do not Import or Export by the River Great Ogeachee

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committees to the said report

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Support and Payment

of a Pilot for the Bar of Tybee and River Savannah and for the Support and Payment of a Pilot for the Bar of Savan (sic) St Catherine and river Midway

Committee appointed to bring in Bill for support of Pilots.

ORDERED That Mr Read Mr Joseph Gibbons and Mr Graham be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

Report of Com. to consider Estimate.

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to Consider the Estimate laid Before this House by the Master in Chancery by order of his Honor the Governor reported they had taken the Same into Consideration and come to Several resolutions thereupon which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the resolutions in in (sic) his Place and afterwards delivered them in at the Table where they were again read and are as Follow, Vizt

Report of the Committee Appointed to take under Consideration the Estimate of the Necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one year Commencing the 29th day of September 1761 and Ending the 29th day of September 1762.

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that a Sum not Exceeding One Hundred and Twenty five Pounds will be Necessary for defraying the Expences of Holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, Vizt

To the Attorney General	£ 20..–..
To the Clerk of the Crown	10..–..
To the Provost Marshall for Summoning Juries &ca	30..–..
To Ditto for Maintainance of Prisoners	35..–..
To the Cryer of the Court	10..–..
To the Coroner	10..–..
Register of Grants	10..–..
	£125..–..

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that a Sum not Exceeding Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds will be necessary for defraying the Expences of the General Assembly.....Viz[t]

To the Clerk of the upper House.....	£30..–..
To ditto as Clerk of the Council for incidental Business transmitting Minutes &c[a].....	40..–..
To the Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly	25..–..
To ditto for Incidental Business.....	40..–..
for printing the Laws.....	20..–..
To the Messenger & Door keeper of the Upper House	25..–..
To the Messenger & Door keeper of the Commons House	25..–..
To the Secretary for Copying & Sealing Acts &c[a]	50..–..
for Fire and Candles.....	5..–..
	£260..–..

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that a Sum not Exceeding One Hundred and Sixty Pounds will be Necessary for defraying the Expence of Contingent Services Viz[t]

For Negroes that may be apprehended & Executed	£40..–..
For Apprehending other offenders.....	20..–..
For Quarters & Barrack Necessary for officer and men doing duty in Savannah.....	20..–..
For Expresses and other Services.....	60..–..
For Repairs of Publick Buildings.....	20..–..
	£160..–..

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee

that the following Sums are Necessary to be raised by the Publick Tax Viz[t]

For the Publick Commissary	£20..–..
For the Armourer for Cleaning & repairing 700 Stand of Arms	21..–..
For the Annuity to Governor Ellis Pursuant to Act of Assembly	50..–..
To be Sunk Pursuant to the Fortification Act	220..–..
Certificates for Tybee Light House to be Sunk Pursuant to the Law for repairing the Light House	36..–..
For Repairing the Governors House	100..–..
For Rent for a House for the Governor	25..–..
For Repairing the Court House & raising on it Another story for Jury Rooms &c an additional Sum not Exceeding	130..–..
	£602..–..

RESOLVED that it is the opinion of your Committee that the Sum of Ninety four Pounds Twelve Shillings and Two Pence will be Necessary to be raised by the Publick Tax for discharging the Arrears of the year ending the 29th September 1761. Viz[t]

To the Provost Marshal for maintenance of Prisoners	£41..10..10
To the Clerk of the Council for Publick Business	36.. 4.. –
To the Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly	11..15.. 4
To the Secretary	5.. 2.. –
	£94..12..2

RESOLVED that it is the opinion of your Committee the Sum of Fifty Pounds will be Necessary to be raised by the Publick Tax for making Good the Defeciency (sic) of the Tax for the year Commencing the 29th day of September 1760 and Ending the 29th day of September 1761 ....£50..–..–

Amount of the Whole Sums to be raised Viz.

For the Courts of Oyer and Terminer....	£125.. –..–
For the General Assembly	260.. –..–
For Contingent Services	160.. –..–
For Other Services	602.. –..–
For Arrears	94..12..2
For Deficiency	50.. –..–
	£1291..12..2

RESOLVED that this House will Consider of the said resolutions on Tuesday Morning next.

And Then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday January the 23d 1762.

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday Morning ten O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday January the 25th 1762.

House called over.

The order of the day for the Call of the House being read the House was Called Over and the Names of Such Members as made default to appear were taken down.

ORDERED that in Consideration of the Shortness of the Notice given the Absent Members to Attend they have further time given them till this day Seven night.

The House consider the Amendmts. made to pilotage Bill.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the upper House to the Bill Intitled an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the Several Ports of this Province and Agreed thereto.

Work house Bill read ye first time.

Mr Deveaux from the Committee Appointed, to bring in a Bill for Erecting a Prison and Work House for the Custody and Punishment of Negroes, Reported they had prepared the Same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday January the 26th 1762.

The House consider the Resolutions of ye Com. upon ye Estimate.

The House took into Consideration the resolution of the Committee appointed to Consider the Estimate of the Necessary Charges of Government for one year Commencing the 29th day of September 1761 and Ending the 29th day of September 1762, laid before the House by the Master in Chancery by order of his Honor the Governor and agreed thereto with some Amendments

Motion being made that a Committee be Appointed to Consider ways and Means to raise a Sufficient Sum of money to defray the Expences of the Current year and the Arrears of the Last.

Committee appointed to consider ways & means todefray Expences of Cur. year & arrears of last.

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Joseph Gibbons Mr Graham Mr Ewen Mr Deveaux be that Committee and that they have Power to send for Persons Papers and Records

Prov. Mar. ordered to lay certain Accts. before ye House.

Motion being made that the Provost Marshall do Lay before this House an Account of Fines received by him for the Non Attendance of Jurors.

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do Issue an order Accordingly

And Then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday January the 27th 1762

Committee of ways & means make their rept.

Mr Ottolenghie (sic) from the Committee Appointed to Consider ways and means for raising a Sum of money to defray the Expences of the Current year and the Arrears of the Last, reported they had come to Several Resolutions which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to Receive the Same.

ORDERED that the said Report be now made.

Then Mr Ottolenghe read the Resolutions in his Place and afterwards delivered them in at the Table where the same were again Read

ORDERED that the Report do Lye upon the Table

Motion being made for Leave to bring in a Bill Enabling the Commissioners of the Town and Common to Convey Fifteen Acres of the Said Common to his Excellency James Wright Esqr and to Receive Twenty Acres of the Five Acre Lots in Lieu thereof in order to make the Common more Commodious

Committee appointed to bring in Bill for conveying part of ye Comon to his Eexcy (sic)

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Ewen be a Committee to Prepare and bring in the Same.

Work house Act read 2d time & Committed.

The Bill intitled an Act for regulating a Prison and Work House for the Custody and Punishment of Negroes was read the Second time

Motion being made that the said Bill be Committed to A Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration Immediately

The House resolved into a Committee Accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr William Gibbons from the Committee Reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through the Same and made Some Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House when the House would be Pleased to receive th Same.

ORDERED that the Said Report be made on Friday next.

Message from upper House.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery acquaint^s this House that they have agreed to an ordinance appointing the Honble William Knox Esqr Agent Assistant to Sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain with some Amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

ORDERED that James Deveaux Esquire have Leave of Absence from his Services in Assembly for a week from Monday next.

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday January the 28th 1762.

Motion being made for leave to bring in a Bill to Amend an Act Passed both Houses of Assembly this Present Session entitled an Act for further Explaining and Amending an Act intitled an Act to impower the Several Surveyors therein named to Lay out Public Roads in the Province of Georgia

Committee appointed to bring in Bill to amend Road Act.

ORDERED that Mr Joseph Gibbons Mr Winn and Mr Carter be a Committee to Prepare and bring in the Same

Motion being made that an Address be Presented to His Excellency the Governor to Congratulate him, his (sic) Excellency upon his being Appointed Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province.

Committee appointed to prepare address to his Exc'y

ORDERED that Mr Graham Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Wylly be a Committee to Prepare the Same

Motion was made that no leave be given to bring in any Bill during the Present Session after Monday next.

RESOLVED that no leave be given to bring any Bill into this House during the Present Session of Assembly after Monday next.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments

Amendmts. made to Ordinance considered & agreed to.

made by the upper House to the Ordinance for Appointing the Honor'ble William Knox Esquire Agent Assistant to Sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain and Agreed thereto

ORDERED that Mr Graham do Acquaint the upper House therewith

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday January the 29th 1762

The House Met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday January the 30th 1762

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday Morning ten O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday ffebruary 1st 1762.

Committee appointed to prepare Address to his Exc'y make their Report.

Mr Graham from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor, reported they had prepared the same according to Order, which they had directed him to report to the House, when the House will be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED that the said Report be now made

Then Mr Graham read the same in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read by the Clerk.

Motion being made that the said Address be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House

The Address referred to a Com. of ye whole House

RESOLVED that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Address into Consideration immediately

Com. of whole House make their Report.

The House resolved into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Read from the Committee reported they had taken the said Address into Consideration and made some Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED that the said Report be now made

The House agree thereto.

Then Mr Read in his place read the same and afterwards delivered it with the Amendments in at the Table where the said Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

Address ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED that the said Address with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The said Address being ingrossed according to order, was read in the following Words, Vizt

The Address.

To His Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it please Your Excellency,

We His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia in General Assembly met beg leave to present Your Excellency with our sincere and hearty Congratulations on the publication of His Majesty's Commission appointing you Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Province, and with the utmost duty and thankfulness of Heart to express our Gratitude to our most Most Gracious Sovereign for this early mark of His Attention to the welfare and happiness of His faithful Subjects situate in these the remote parts of his Dominions.

We do assure your Excellency that the Joy of the People we represent is on this Occasion as general as their knowledge of the Event and we are confident that we utter the real Sentiments of their Hearts when we declare our intire satisfaction in Your Excellency's past Administration, and it is our stedfast resolution to support your Excellency's Measures being well convinced they will be always founded in truth and justice and with a View to promote the true Interest of this Province thus relying on your approved Abilities and unsullied Integrity, we assure ourselves of enjoying under your future Administration, the uninterrupted Continuance of every priviledge that is not inconsistent with the Constitution of Our Mother Country, or subversive of Liberty and of every Encouragement and Assistance, that can tend to render us a flourishing and happy People.

House called over

The order of the day for the Call of the House being read, the House was called over and the names of such Members as made default to appear were taken down. And a List of Defaulters being called over they were excused on an Account of Illness or extraordinary Avocations.

Watch Bill read the 3d time.

The ingrossed Bill, intitled An Act for amending an Act passed in the third Session of the second General Assembly of this Province, intitled An Act for regulating the Watch in the Town of Savannah, was read the third time.

Motion was made that the said Bill sho'd be rejected and another Motion was made that the Bill sho'd pass, and a debate arising thereon and the Question being put it was carried for the former.

Mr Graham and Mr Ottolenghe who were ordered to wait on His Excellency and acquaint him that the House had an Address to present to his Excellency and desire to know when his Excellency wou'd be pleased to be attended therewith, being returned, Mr Graham reported that Mr Ottolenghe and himself had waited on His Excellency according to order and delivered the said Message, and that his Excellency was pleased to say he sho'd be ready to receive the House with their Address at eleven o'Clock to-morrow Morning.

And then the House Adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, ffebruary, 2d 1762

The Speaker with the House present their Address to his Exc'y

Mr Speaker with the House went to attend his Excellency with their Address, and being returned Mr Speaker reported that they had attended his Excellency, and presented their Address, to which his Excellency had been pleased to give the following Answer

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen,

The Govr's Ans'r

I sincerely thank you for this very kind Address, and am pleased to hear from you the Representatives of the People that the Royal favor most graciously bestowed on me is so agreeable to the Province.

My past Endeavours for the Service of this Colony have been exerted with a true Zeal for its prosperity, and I am glad they have been such as merit your Approbation.

I am much obliged to you for your promise of Support, and trust I shall never propose or attempt any Measures but such as are grounded in truth and Justice, and calculated to promote the true Interest of the Province, also consistent with the Prerogative of the Crown, and the Constitution of our Mother Country, as well as the Rights and Liberties of the People. And you may rely on every proper Encouragement and Assistance conducible to make the good people of this Province flourish and happy. JA. WRIGHT.

The House resolve into a Com. to consider Rept. of Com. of Ways & means to defray expense of cur. year &c.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House and took into Consideration the report of the Committee to consider ways and Means to raise a Sum of Money sufficient to defray the Expence of the Current Year and the Arrears of the last, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Graham from the Committee reported they had gone through the same and come to several Resolutions thereupon, which he read in his place and afterwards delivered in at the Table where the same were again read and are as follows. Vizt

Rept. of Com. of whole House.

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that two shillings and six pence be levied on every hundred acres of Land granted in this Province.

RESOLVED that it (sic) the Opinion of your Committee that two shillings and six pence be levied on all Negroes and other Slaves within this Province

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that seven shillings and six pence be levied on every hundred pounds value of Goods imported into this Province.

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that seven shillings and six pence be levied on all Town Lotts and Wharf Lotts and that five shillings and six pence be levied on every hundred pounds value of Improvements thereon.

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that twelve shillings and six pence be levied on every hundred pounds let out at Interest

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that ten shillings be levied on every free Negro Mulatto and Mestizo within this Province of sixteen years of Age and upwards.

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committee to the said Report

Motion being made for leave to bring in a Bill agreeably to the said Resolutions

Com. appointed to prepare Bill agreable thereto.

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Noble Wimberly Jones and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

Motion being made for leave to bring in a Bill for imposing a Duty on transient Trade

Com. appointed to bring in Bill for imposing duty on transient Trade.

ORDERED that Mr Graham Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Read be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, ffebruary 3d 1762

Message from Upper House

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery, that they had agreed to the Bill intitled An Act for the Encouragement of Piety and Virtue and for keeping holy the Lord's day commonly called Sunday with some Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bill and agreed to some and disagreed to others.

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr Mckeithen,

Honorable Gentlemen,

Message to the Upper House

[For transcript of Message desiring conference on amendments to the Bill for keeping holy the Lords Day see Journal of Upper House 10 Feb.]

The House took into Consideration the Report of the Committee of the whole House upon the Amendments made to the Bill intitled an Act for establishing and regulating a Work house for the punishment and custody of Negroes, and agreed thereto.

Workhouse Bill read 3d time & passed.

The said Bill was read the third time
RESOLVED that the same do Pass.

ORDERED that Mr McKeithen do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their concurrence thereto.

Motion being made that a Committee be appointed to inquire what will be the amount of the Cost of publishing the several Laws Proclamations &c necessary to inform the several officers and others whom it may concern, of the Duties required therein.

Committee appointed to inquire Cost of printing laws &c.

ORDERED that Mr Wood Mr Ewen Mr Baillie and Mr Maxwell be that Committee

And then the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, ffebruary 4th 1762.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to enable the Commissioners appointed by An Act of the General Assembly of this Province, intitled An Act for better regulating the Town of Savannah and ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging, to alien and convey a certain Portion of the said Common in Exchange for other Land to the said Common adjoining, reported they had prepared the same according to order, and the same was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second Time on Monday Morning next.

Bill to enable Commrs to convey a portion of Common read first time.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to impower the Surveyors of the Publick Roads in the parish of Saint John to lay out a new Road from the Town of Sunbury to join the South West Road near the Plantation of Samuel Hastings, reported they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time and

Bill impowering Surveyors to lay out a Road from Sunbury to &c read first time.

ordered to be read a second time on Monday Morning next

Com. to inquire ye Cost of printing Acts &c. make their Rept.

Mr Wood from the Committee appointed to inquire what wou'd be the Cost of publishing the several Laws Proclamations &c necessary to inform the several officers and others whom it may concern of the Duties required therein, reported they had made Inquiry accordingly, and that he was directed to report what they had learnt, to the House when the House wou'd be pleased to receive the same; and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read by the Clerk.

referred to Com. of whole House.

Motion was made that the said Report sho'd be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole house

RESOLVED that this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Report into Consideration. The House resolved into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Wood from the Committee reported they had taken the said Report into Consideration and had come to several Resolutions thereupon which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED that the said Report be now made.

Then Mr Wood read the same in his place and afterwards delivered the Resolutions in at the Table where the same were again read by the Clerk and are as follow, Vizt

Resolutions of Com. of whole house upon 3d Rept.

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that it is necessary that the Laws of this Province sho'd be printed and published.

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of your Committee that a Salary of one hundred Pounds per Annum be allowed for five years for printing and publishing the Laws of this Province and such other Services as the General Assembly shall think proper.

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committee to the said Report.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill agreeably to the said Resolutions

Com. appointed to bring in Bill agreeable to sd Resolutions.

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Mckeithen and Mr Read be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to consider of ways and means for raising a Sallary of one hundred Pounds Sterling per Annum for a Printer

Com. appointed to consider ways to raise a Salary for a printer.

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Read and Mr Mckeithen be that Committee

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday, ffebruary 5th 1762

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, ffebruary 6th 1762

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday February the 8th 1762.

Bill to enable Commrs to convey a portion of common read a 2d time and committed.

The Bill intitled an Act to Enable the Commissioners Appointed by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for the Better regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto Belonging to Alien and Convey a Certain Portion of the said Common in Exchange for other Land to the said Common Adjoining was read the Second time.

Motion being Made that the said Bill be referred to the Consideration (sic) a Committee of the Whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration Tomorrow Morning

Bill to impower Surveyors to lay out a Road from Sunbury read a 2d time and committed.

The Bill Intitled an Act to Empower the Surveyors in the Parish of St Johns to lay out a New Publick Road from the Town of Sunbury to Join the Southwest road near the Plantation of Samuel Hastings was read the Second time

Motion being made that the said Bill be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration Immediately.

The House resolved into a Committee Accordingly and After some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through Part thereof and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for leave to sit again

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to take the said Bill into Consideration Tomorrow Morning.

Bill for support of Pilots read first time.

Mr Read from the Committee Appointed to bring in a Bill for the Support of Pilots for the Service of this Province reported that they had Prepared the same According to order which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second time

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday February the 9th 1762.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to Consider of the Bill intitled An Act to empower the Surveyors in the Parish of St John to lay out a new road from the Town of Sunbury to Join the South West road near the Plantation of Mr Samuel Hastings, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made Several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will Please to receive the same.

ORDERED that the said report be now made.

Then Mr Joseph Gibbons read the same in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

Bill to lay out road from Sunbury ord to in- (sic) grossed

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed.

House resolve into a Com. upon ye Bill to enable Commrs to convey a portion of Common & make their Rept. to wch ye House agree.

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House and took into consideration the Bill intitled an Act to enable the Commissioners Appointed by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for the better regulating the Town of Savannah and for Ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to Alien and convey a Certain Portion of the said Common in Exchange for other Land to the said Common Adjoining and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the chair and Mr Noble Wimberly Jones from the Committee reported they had taken the same into Consideration and gone through the same and made some Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED that the said report be now made.

Then Mr Jones read the same in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

Bill ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed.

And then the House Adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday February the 10th 1762.

Bill for building a church at Augusta read first time.

The Committee Appointed to bring in a Bill for Building a Church in the Town of Augusta and repairing the Parsonage House there and for Providing a Fund for Building and repairing Churches and Parsonage Houses and Fencing in the Cemetereys (sic) Appertaining thereto in the several Parishes in this within (sic) this Province, reported they had Prepared the same According to order which was received and read the first time

ORDERED that the same be read a Second time

Bill to lay out Road from Sunbury read 3d time & passed.

The Bill intitled an Act to impower the Surveyors in the Parish of St John to lay out a New Publick road from the Town of Sunbury to Join the Southwest road near the Plantation of Samuel Hastings was read the third time, Resolved that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Read do carry the same to the upper House and desire their concurrence thereto

Bill to enable Commrs to convey a portion of Comon, read 3d time & passed.

The Bill Intitled an Act to enable the Commissioners Appointed by Act of the General Assembly of this Province intitled an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for Ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to Alien and Convey a Certain Portion of the said Common in Exchange for other Land to the said Common Adjoining was read the third time

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Read do Carry the same to the upper House and Desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly the

10th February 1762.

Mr Speaker

[See Journal of Upper House 10 February – paragraph beginning]

Message from the Upper House.

"His Excellency the Governor"

[and ending] "Faithful Subjects."

[Message continues]

Whereupon the House came to the following Resolution.

RESOLVED nemine dissentienti

That this House will Join with his Excellency The Governour in dutiful and Loyal Address to be Presented to his Majesty and his Royal Consort and to her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Wales Expressing of their Joy in this Interesting and Important Event

This House therefore desire your Concurrence also in the said Resolution and that you will Appoint a Committee of your House to Join a Committee of this House in Preparing the said Addresses

Committee The Honorable Grey Elliott, William Clifton } Esquires

RESOLVED Nem: Con: that this House will Concur with the Honorable The Upper House in Joining with his Excellency the Governor in Congratulatory and Loyal Addresses to His Majesty and Royal Consort and to her Royal Higness (sic) the Princess Dowager of Wales, Expressing their Joy on his Majesties Marriage with the Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburgh Strelitz an Event most Interesting and Important to all his Majesties Subjects

Com. appointed to join a Com. of Upper House to prepare Addresses to His Majesty, His Royal Consort and Her R. Highness the princess D. of Wales.

ORDERED that Mr Graham Mr Deveaux and Mr Noble Wimberly Jones be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Upper House in Preparing the said Addresses.

ORDERED that the Following Message be sent to the upper House by Mr Graham

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House.

[For transcript of message concurring in Addresses & names of Committee—(but here *read* "Resolved Nemine Contradicente"—) see Journal of Upper House 10 Feb., p. 44 of transcript.]

Message from the Upper House.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House of Assembly 10th Febry 1762

[For transcript of Message agreeing to conference on Bill for keeping holy the Lord's Day and names of Committees see Journal of Upper House 10 Feb., p. 41 of transcript.]

Committee appointed to join Committee of Upper House.

ORDERED that Mr Wood Mr Read and Mr Noble Wimberly Jones be a Committee to Join the Committee of the upper House in a Conference upon the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by them to the Bill Intitled an Act for the Encouragement of Piety and Virtue and for Keeping Holy the Lords Day Commonly Called Sunday.

And then the House Adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday February the 11th 1762.

Bill for making Provision for a Printer, read ye first time.

The Committee Appointed to bring in a Bill for making Provision for Printing the Laws of this Province and for Encourageing a Printer to set up a Printing Press in this Province, reported they had Prepared the same According to order which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

Whole House resolve into a Committee upon the Bill for support of Pilots,

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House and took into Consideration the Bill Intitled an Act for raising & Granting to His Majesty the Sum of One Hundred and Ninety three Pounds ten Shillings Sterling and for Applying the Same towards the better Support and Encouragement of Pilots for the Service of the Province as therein Mentioned and After some time spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Graham from the Committee reported they had gone through the Said Bill And made some Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will Please to receive the same

and make their Report,

ORDERED that the said Report be now made.

which is agreed to.

Then Mr Graham read the report in his Place and afterwards Delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again Read and Agreed to by the House.

ORDERED that the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed

And then the House Adjourned 'till To Morrow Morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday February the 12th 1762

Bill for laying Duty on transient Trade read ye first time.

The Committee Appointed to bring in a Bill Intitled an Act to Oblige Masters of Vessels Suporcargoes (sic) and other Transient Persons Importing Goods and Merchandize into this Province to Pay Tax for the same Reported they had Prepared the same According to order which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second time

Bill for making Provision for Printer read 2d time and Committed.

The Bill Intitled an Act for Making Provision for Printing the Laws of this Province and for Encouraging a Printer to set up a Printing Press in this Province was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED that this House do on Monday Next (sic) Morning next resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration

Bill for building Church at Augusta read 2d time and committed.

The Bill Intitled an Act for Building a church in the Town of Augusta and repairing the Parsonage House there and for Providing a Fund for building of Churches and Parsonage Houses and Fencing in the Cemetrys Appertaining thereto in the Several Parishes within this Province, was read a Second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Wood from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and Agreed thereto without any Amendment

ORDERED that the said Bill be Ingrossed

And then the House Adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday February the 13th 1762.

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday February the 15th 1762

The House agrees to ye Alterations made in the Amendments to ye Bill for punishing vice &c.

Upon report of the Committee Appointed to Join the Committee of the Upper House in Conference upon the Subject matter of the Amendment made by the upper House to the Bill Intitled an Act for preventing and Punishing Vice Prophaness (sic) and Immorallity and for Keeping Holy the Lords Day Commonly Called Sunday This House doth agree to the Alterations made in the Amendments at the said Conference

Bill for laying duty on transient Trade read a 2d time and committed.

The Bill Intitled an Act to Oblige Masters of Vessels Super-Cargoes and other Transcient (sic) Persons Importing Goods and Merchandize into this Province to Pay Tax for the Same was read a Second time and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take the said Bill into consideration Tomorrow Morning

Committee upon ye Bill for supporting Printer make their Report.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House And took into Consideration the Bill Intitled an Act for making Provision for Printing the Laws of this Province and for encouraging a Printer to set up a Printing Press in the same and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr

Deveaux from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made some Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House, when the House will Please to receive the Same.

ORDERED that the said report be received to Morrow Morning

And Then the House Adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday February the 16th 1762.

Mr Deveaux from the Committee of the whole House upon the Bill Intitled an Act for making Provision for Printing the Laws of this Province and for Encouraging a Printer to Set up a Printing Press in the Same, reported the Amendments made by the said Committee to the said Bill and he read the same in his Place and Afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed

The Committee Appointed to View and Examine the State and Condition of the Light House on Tybee Island reported they had viewed the same According to order and were ready to report the same to the House when the House would be pleased to receive the Same.

ORDERED that the said report be now made.

Then Mr Wylly read the Same in his Place and after-

wards Delivered them in at the Table and are as Follows.

Report of Com. to examine condition of L. House.

Your Committee having Agreeable to the order of this House Carefully Viewed and Examined the State and Condition of the Light House on Tybee Island. Report that the Principal Pieces in the Frame are very much Decayed and the other Parts of the said House in so Bad a Condition that to give it a Sufficient repair would require nearly as large a Sum of Money as would Build a New one. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the Strengthening the Corner Post which received so much Damage by Lightning and Putting on ther Weather Boarding where it is wanted and instead of a new Steer (sic) Case fixing up Ladders is all that is Necessary to be done

The House agree thereto.

RESOLVED that this House Doth agree with their Committee to the said report.

Com. upon ye Bill for laying duty on transient trade make their Rept.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House And took into Consideration the Bill Intitled an Act to Oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other Transient Persons Importing Goods and Merchandize in this Province to Pay Tax for the Same And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair And Mr Kennan from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made some Amendments thereto which they had Directed him to report to the House when the House will Please to receive the Same.

ORDERED that the said report be now made.

Then Mr Kennan read the same in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again Read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED that the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Message from Upper House.

That they had agreed to the Bill Intitled an Act to Impower the Surveyors in the Parish of S[t] John to Lay out a new Publick road from the Town of Sunbury to Join the Southwest road near the Plantation of Samuel Hastings with some Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House

And also to a Bill Intitled an Act to Enable the Commissioners Appointed by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for better regulating the Town of Savannah and for Ascertaining the Common thereunto Belonging to Alien & Convey a Certain Portion of the said Common in Exchange for Other Land to the said Common Adjoining with some Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

The House Took into Consideration the Amendments made by the upper House to the said Bills and Agreed to the Same.

ORDERED That M[r] M[c]Keithen do Acquaint the Upper House therewith

Com. to join Com. of Upper House in preparing congratulatory Addresses make their Rept.

The Committee Appointed to Join a Committee of the upper House in Preparing Congratulatory and Loyal Addresses to his Majesty his Royal Consort and the Princess Dowager of Wales reported they had Prepared the same, and the same were Severally Read and are as Follow—to wit—

Address to His Majesty.

[For transcript of the three Addresses see Journal of the Upper House 19 Feb. The Signatures are omitted here.]

To the Queen.

To the Princess Dowager of Wales.

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committee in the said Address (sic)

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr McKeithen

Commons House of Assembly 16th Feb. 1762

Message to the Upper House.

[For transcript of Message agreeing to the Addresses prepared see Journal of the Upper House 18 Feb. p. 55 of transcript.]

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House of Assembly 15th February 1762

Mr Speaker

Message from the Upper House.

Upon report from the Committee appointed to Join a Committee of Your House in Preparing Congratulatory Addresses to be transmitted and Presented to his Majesty and his Royal Consort and to her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Wales on his Majesties Nuptials, This House doth agree with their Committee in the Addresses so Prepared as the same are Amended by His Excellency the Governor.

Bill for building Church at Augusta read 3d time & passed.

The Bill Intitled an Act for Building a Church in the Town of Augusta, and repairing the Parsonage House there, and for Providing a Fund for Building and repairing Churches and Parsonage Houses and fencing the

Cemeterys Appertaining thereto, in the Several Parishes within this Province was read the third time

ORDERED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Graham do Carry the same to the upper House and Desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Representation from the Treasurer was Presented to the House by Mr Deveaux as follows

Representation of the Treasurer.

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Commons House of the Province of Georgia

The representation of Noble Jones Treasurer for the said Province

Sheweth

That he hath lately had a Warrant delivered him by Grey Elliott Esquire Deputy Auditor of his Majesties Revenues Arising within this Province, from the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury requiring him to Correspond with Robert Cholmondley (sic) Esquire Surveyor and Auditor General of his Majesties revenues in America touching the said revenues and to Exhibit fair and Compleat Accounts thereof before him or his Deputy making Due Payments from time to time of his Patent Salary and Fees.

That in obedience to the said Warrant he Tendered his Accounts of the Revenue arising by virtue of the Several Tax and other Imposition Acts which have been Passed in the Province in so far as he had received and Disbursed the same to Grey Elliott Esqr Deputy to the said Robert Cholmondely Esqr and Prayed his Audit of the same. But as the Money's arrising by the said Tax and Imposition Acts are all Appropriated to Special Purposes by the respective Acts and he is therein enjoined

not to Issue or Apply any Part of the Produce thereof unless by order of the Governor and Council and with that to no Purpose (sic) whatsoever but to those directed in the said General Acts he could not Pursue the Directions of the said Warrant in Paying the Deputy Auditor the Five ℔ Ct on the Gross Sum of every Account of the whole revenue which the said Deputy required

He therefore thinks it his Duty to Lay the Matter before Your Honourable House that Provision may be made in the next Tax Bill for Defraying the Expence of Auditing the Accounts of the revenue thereby Arising and also for Paying the ffee of five per Cent on the revenue already raised.

ORDERED that the same do lye upon the Table.

The Clerk ordd. to deliver Commrs. for repairing L. House a Copy of Rept. of Com. to examine its Condition.

ORDERED that the Clerk of this House do furnish the Commissioners for Repairing Tybee Light House with a Copy of the report of the Committee Appointed to View and Examine the Present Condition of the said Light House

ORDERED that John Graham Esqr a Member of this House have leave to go to Charles Town in South Carolina on Extraordinary Business.

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday February the 17th 1762.

Bill for laying Duty on transient Trade read 3d time & passed.

The Bill Intitled an Act to Oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other Transcient (sic) Persons importing Goods and Merchandize into the Province to pay Tax for the same was read a third time

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Noble Wimberly Jones do carry the same to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

House agree to Amendmts made to Bill for laying out Road from Sunbury.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill Intitled an Act to empower the Surveyors in the Parish of St John to lay out a New Publick Road from the Town of Sunbury to Join the Southwest Road near the Plantation of Samuel Hastings and Agreed to the Same.

ORDERED that Mr Maxwell do Acquaint the upper House therewith

Bill for encouraging a Printer read 3d time & passed.

The Bill Intitled an Act for making Provision for Printing the Laws of this Province and for Encouraging a Printer to set up a Printing Press in the same was read the third Time

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr McKeithen do Carry the same to the Upper House and Desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the upper House to the Bill Intitled an Act for the more Easy and Speedy recovering of Small Debts

and Damages, and agreed to some and Disagreed to others.

ORDERED that the Following Message be sent to the House by Mr McKeithen

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to upper House.

[For transcript of Message desiring conference on Bill for recovery of small debts see Journal of Upper House 18 Feb. p. 56 of transcript]

Tax Bill read first time.

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee Appointed to bring in a Bill for raising And Granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand four Hundred and Twenty one Pounds five Shillings for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the year One thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty two to be raised by Certain rates as therein mentioned and for the more Effectual Collecting of Arrears, reported they had prepared the same According to order which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read the Second time And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday February the 18th 1762

read 2d time

The Bill Intitled an Act for raising and Granting to his Majesty the Sum of One thousand Four Hundred and twenty one Pounds five Shillings for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the year one thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty two to be raised by Certain rates as therein mentioned, and for the more Effectual Collecting of Arrears, was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed

RESOLVED that this House do resolve itself into a

Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration tomorrow Morning

Motion being made for Leave to bring in a Bill for the Better and more Effectual Collecting and Securing the Payment of his Majesties Quit Rents

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Read and Mr Milledge do Prepare and bring in the same.

Committee appointed to prepare Bill for more effectual collecting Quit Rents.

The Bill read ye first time.

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to bring in the said Bill reported they had Prepared the same According to order which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House of Assembly 18th Feb. 1762

Message from Upper House.

[For transcript, agreeing to conference on bill for recovery of small debts and naming committee, see Journal of Upper House 18 Feb. p. 57 of transcript]

Committee of Conference.

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Deveaux and Mr Noble Wimberly Jones Mr McKeithen and Mr Ewin be a Committee to Join a Committee of the upper House in the said Conference.

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday February the 19th 1762

Message from the Governor.

A Message from the Governor by the Master in Chancery requiring the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber Immediately, Mr Speaker with the House Attended his Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber And being returned Mr Speaker reported that his Excellency had given his Assent to an Ordinance for Appointing the Honorable William Knox Agent Assistant to Sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain and that his Excellency, the President of the Council and himself had Sign'd Congratulatory and Loyal Addresses to his Majesty his Royal Consort and the Princess Dowager of Wales on his Majesties Marriage with the Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburgh Strelitz

House resolves into a Com. upon ye Tax Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House and took into into (sic) Consideration the Bill Intitled an Act for raising and Granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand four Hundred and Twenty one Pounds five Shillings for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the year One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty two to be raised by Certain rates as therein Contained and for the more Effectual Collecting of Arrears, and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr McKeithen reported from the Committee, they had gone through part of the said Bill and that he was directed by the Committee (sic) for leave to Sit again

RESOLVED that this House will on Monday Morning next resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to Consider of the said Bill

Treasurer ordered to lay Accts. before the House.

Motion being made that the late Treasurer do lay his Accounts Before this House on Monday Morning next

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do Issue his order Accordingly

Then the House Adjourned 'till three O'Clock in the Afternoon

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Friday Afternoon, February the 19th 1762

House in a Com. consider Instrs. for ye Agent.

Motion being made that this House de resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into Consideration the Instructions to be given to the Agent of this Province Appointed to Sollicit the same in Great Britain

RESOLVED that this House do Immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Constructions (sic) into Consideration

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Maxwell from the Committee reported that they had Come to Several resolutions thereupon which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will Please to receive the Same.

ORDERED that the said report be now made

Then Mr Maxwell read the Resolutions in his Place and afterwards Delivered them in at the Table where the same again were read and agreed to by the House and are as follows.

RESOLVED that it appears to this Committee that there

has been granted And Expended at Sundry times for the Defence of this Province During this Present War About the Sum of..... £8000.. –..

RESOLVED that it appears to this Committee that this Province has been at the Expence of Two thousand Pounds in Personal Labor of the Inhabitants of this Province and their Slaves in Erecting Fortifications and in Marching the Militia to the Different Parts of this Province for the Defence thereof.....£2000.

Whereas it Appears this Province hath Exerted itself rather beyond its Abilities for the Defence and Support of the same in the Present War. Resolved that it is the opinion of your Committee That the Committee of Correspondence be Instructed to Direct the Agent to make Application to His Majesty that he will be Graciously Pleased to Grant to this Province such Aid and Assistance as he in his great Wisdom shall think fit

RESOLVED that it is the opinion of this Committee that the Committee of Correspondence be Instructed to Direct their Agent to make Application for a Convoy being Appointed for Ships Bound from Great Britain to this Province and from this to Great Britain

RESOLVED that it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Committee of Correspondence be Instructed to Direct the Agent to represent the Necessity there is For a Guard Ship being Stationed on this Coast for the Protection of our Trade And That this Province being a Frontier Province Immediately Bordering on the Spanish and French Settlements and many Powerful Nations of Indians under their Influence it is Highly Necessary that there should be some Regular Troops for the Defence thereof and Artilery (sic) And Amunition (sic) for the De-

fence of the Several Forts already Erected or that may be hereafter erected in this Province,

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday February the 20th 1762.

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday Morning Ten O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday February the 22d 1762.

The House in Com further consider the Tax Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to Consider of the Said Bill Intitled an Act for raising and Granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand four hundred and Twenty One Pounds five Shillings for the use and Support of the Province of Georgia for the year one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty two to be raised by Certain rates as therein mentioned and for the more Effectual Collecting of Arrears and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Maxwell from the Committee reported they had gone through the Bill and made some Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will Please to receive the Same.

ORDERED that the said report be received tomorrow Morning

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday February the 23d 1762.

Report of Com. upon sd. Bill.

Mr Maxwell from a Committee of the Whole House to whom the Bill Intitled an Act for raising and granting to his Majesty the Sum of One thousand four hundred and Twenty one Pounds Five Shillings for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the year one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty two to be raised by Certain rates as therein Mentioned and for the more Effectual Collecting of Arrears, reported the Amendments made by the said Committee to the said Bill and he read the same in his Place and afterwards delivered them (sic) Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed

Quit rent Bill read 2d time and committed.

The Bill Intitled an Act for the Better and more Effectual Collecting and Securing of his Majesties Quit Rents was read the Second time.

Motion being made that the same be Committed

RESOLVED that this House Immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration.

The House resolved itself into a Committee Accordingly and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Noble Wimberly Jones from the Committee reported they had gone through part of the said Bill and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to Sit again

RESOLVED that this House will Tomorrow Morning resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to take the said Bill into Consideration

ORDERED that Mr Winn have leave to go to Charles Town upon Extraordinary Business.

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday February the 24th 1762

The House met According to (sic) Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday February the 25th 1762

Tax Bill read 3d time & passed.

The Bill Intitled an Act for Granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand four hundred and Twenty One Pounds five Shillings Sterling for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the year one thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty two to be raised at Certain rates as therein Mentioned and for the more Effectual Collecting of Arrears was read a third time.

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass

ORDERED that Mr Noble Wimberly Jones do Carry the Same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Motion for an Address to ye Govr. to defer building ffort at Cockspur, rejected.

Motion being made that an Address be Presented to His Excellency Desiring His Excellency will be Pleased to give Directions to the Commissioners of Fortifications to Postpone the Building a Fort and Battery at Cockspur And a Look out and Battery on Midway River untill such time as His Excellency can be Infored whether a Guard Ship will be ordered for this Service, which being opposed and a Debate Arrising (sic) thereon and the Question being Put it was Carried in the Negative

Com. of Conference upon ye amendmts. made to ye Bill for recovery of small debts make their Report.

Upon report of the Committee Appointed to Confer with a Committee of the upper House on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by the upper House to the Bill Intitled an Act to explain and Amend an Act Intitled an Act for the more Easy and Speedy recovery of Small Debts and Damages. This House Doth Agree to the Alterations made by the said Committee at the said Conference.

ORDERED that Mr Noble Wimberly Jones Do Carry the following Message to the Upper House

Commons House of Assembly (sic) February 1762

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House.

Upon report of the Committee of Conference respecting the Amendments made by your House to the Bill Intitled An Act to explain and Amend an Act Intitled an Act for the more Easy and speedy recovery of small Debts and Damages. This House Doth Agree with their Committee to the Amendments

Motion was made that a Message be sent to the upper House to acquaint them that Grey Elliott Esquire a member of their House had made use of some very Disrespectful Expressions relating To a Member of this House

and that Mr Elliott be desired to name the Person he intended by such Expressions;

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday February the 26th 1762

House in Com. consider ye Quit Rent Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to Consider of the Bill Intitled an Act for the more Easy and Effectual Collecting and Securing his Majesties Quit Rents and After some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Noble Wimberly Jones from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made some Amendments thereto which he was directed to report to the House when the House will Please to Receive the Same

ORDERED that the Said Report be now made

Then Mr Noble Wimberly Jones read the Amendments in his Place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where the same were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED that the said Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Message from Upper House.

That they had Agreed to a Bill Intitled an Act to oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and Other Transcient Persons Importing Goods and Merchandise into this Province to Pay Tax for the Same.

Also to a Bill intitled an Act for Building a Church in the Town of Augusta and repairing the Parsonage House there and for Providing a Fund for Building and repairing Churches and Parsonage Houses and fencing the Cemeterys Appertaining thereto in the Several Parishes within this Province with some Amendments.

And Also a Bill Intitled an Act for making Provision for Printing the Laws of this Province and for Encouraging a Printer to set up a Printing Press in the Same, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bills and Agreed to the Same

ORDERED that Mr Noble Wimberly Jones do Acquaint the Upper House therewith

Quit Rent Bill read 3d time & passed.

The Bill Intitled an Act for the more Easy and Effectual Collecting and Securing his Majesties Quit Rents was read the third time

RESOLVED that the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED that Mr Noble Wimberly Jones do Carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr Kennan

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to Upper House.

[For transcript (requiring Grey Elliott, who had spoken disrespectful words to name the member alluded to) see Journal of Upper House 26 Feb. end of day.]

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday February the 27th 1762

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten O Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday March 1st 1762

The House met according to Adjournment And then Adjourned again till tomorrow Morning Nine OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday March the 2d 1762

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery that they Agreed to a Bill Intitled an Act for Granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand four hundred and twenty one Pounds five Shillings Sterling for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty two to be raised at Certain rates as therein mentioned and for the more Effectual Collecting of Arrears without any Amendment

Motion being made that a Committee be Appointed to examine and Compare the Minutes and to see that all the Copys of the Several Laws ordered by this House for the use of the Different Officers for Putting the same in Execution in this Province be delivered on or before the tenth day of April next

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Deveaux be that Committee

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday March the 3d 1762

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday March the 4th 1762

Motion for address to His Excy. for ye immediate trial of Spaniards.

Motion being made that an Address be Presented to his Excellency Desiring he will be Pleased to issue a Special Commission for the Immediate Tryal of the two Spaniards now in Custody for the Murders Supposed lately to be Committed by them

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe and Mr McKeithen do Prepare the Same.

Mr McKeithen from the Committee appointed to draw up the said Address reported they had prepared the same according to order which they had Directed him to report to the House when the House will Please to receive the same

ORDERED that the said report be now made

Then Mr McKeithen read the same in his Place and afterwards Delivered it in at the Table where the same

was again read and agreed to by the House and is as follows.

Address.

To His Excellency James Wright Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it Please your Excellency

The Commons House of Assembly having taken under Consideration the Expence that will attend the keeping of two Spaniards now in Custody for the Murders Supposed to be lately committed by them till June Court, as also the risk there is of their making their Escape. Therefore Humbly request that your Excellency will be pleased to issue a Special Commission for the Immediate Tryal of them.

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe and M^{r} McKeithen do attend his Excellency therewith The said Gentlemen withdrew & being returned M^{r} McKeithen reported that his Excellency had been pleased to say he would Give Directions Accordingly.

Message from the Governor.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery, requiring the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber Immediately, Mr Speaker with the House Attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber and being returned Mr Speaker reported that his Excellency had been pleased to give his Asent (sic) to the following Bills vizt

His Excellency assents to several Bills.

An Act to Impower the Surveyors in the Parish of St John to lay out a new Publick Road from the Town of Sunbury to join the Road near the Plantation of Samuel Hastings and to make the Inhabitants of the Islands to

the Southward of great Ogeachee River Liable to Work on the Public Roads in the several Parishes and to appoint two Additional Surveyors for the Parish of S[t] John.

An Act for making Provision for printing the Laws of this Province and for encouraging a Printer to set up a Printing Press in the same.

An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of one thousand four hundred and twenty one Pounds five shillings for the use and support of the Government of Georgia for the Year one thousand seven hundred and sixty two, to be raised by certain Rates as therein mentioned and for the more effectual collecting Arrears.

An Act for building a Church in the Town of Augusta and repairing the parsonage and repairing [(sic)] Parsonage Houses, and fenceing in the Cemeterys appertaining thereto in the several Parishes within this Province.

An Act for raising and granting to his Majesty the Sum of one hundred and ninety three Pounds ten shillings and for applying the same towards the better support and Encouragement of the Pilots for the service of the Province as therein mentioned.

An Act for the further explaining and amending An Act intituled an Act to impower the several Surveyors therein named to lay out publick Roads in the Province of Georgia, and to sink Wells in the Town of Savannah

An Act to oblige Masters of Vessels Supercargoes and other transient Persons importing Goods and Merchandize into this Province to pay Tax for the same

An Act for preventing and punishing Vice Profaneness & Immorality and for keeping holy the Lords day commonly called Sunday.

An Act to explain and amend an Act intituled an Act for the easy and speedy recovery of small Debts and Damages

A Message from his Excellency the Governor

Gentlemen

Adjournment. I now adjourn the Commons House of Assembly until Tuesday the Eighteenth day of October next and it is hereby adjourned accordingly.

Given under my hand this fourth day of March 1762.

JA: WRIGHT

To Mr Speaker and the Members
of the Commons House of Assembly

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

GEORGIA

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the province of Georgia at the Third Session of the fourth General Assembly of the said Province met according to Adjournment at the Town of Savannah on Monday the Eighteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty two.

THOS BARRINGTON Clerk

Reced with the Govrs Letter
of 4 Febry 1764.

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the third Session

of the fourth General Assembly of the said Province met according to Adjournment at the Town of Savannah on Monday the Eighteenth day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty two—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday October 18th 1762

The House met according to Adjournment And then Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday October 19th 1762—

ORDERED that the Messenger of this House do wait on the Members of this House now in Town and require them to Attend their Service in Assembly immediately

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery requiring the immediate Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber

Mr Speaker with the whole House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber accordingly and being returned Mr Speaker reported they had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber where His Excellency had been pleased to make an Affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly of which to prevent Mistakes he had procured a Copy which he read to the House and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read by the Clerk in the following Words Vizt

[This being already transcribed in Journal of the Upper House 19 October is not here repeated.]

Savannah in Georgia

Council Chamber 19th October 1762.

Motion being made that an Humble Address of thanks be presented to His Excellency for his Affectionate Speech to both Houses the same was resolved accordingly

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Ewen Mr Noble Wimberly Jones and Mr Deveaux be a Committee to prepare the same—

ORDERED that His Excellencys Speech be reffered to that Committee—

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday October the 20th 1762—

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to draw up An Address to His Excellency the Governor reported they had prepared one accordingly which they had directed him to Report to the House when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED that the said report be now made.

Then Mr Ottolenghe read the Address in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again Read—

Motion being made that the said Address be reffered

to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House—

RESOLVED that this House will immediately Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Address into Consideration—

The House resolved into a Committee accordingly and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr McKeithen from the Committee reported they had taken the said Address into Consideration and made sum Amendments thereto which he was directed to Report to the House when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED that the said Report be received to Morrow Morning—

And then the House Adjourned till To Morning (sic) Morning Nine °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday October 21st 1762.

The Order of the Day being read Mr McKeithen from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Consideration of the Address to His Excellency was reffered reported the Amendments made by the said Committee to the said Address and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered the Address with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED that the said Address with the Amendments be Ingrossed—

The Address to His Excellency being ingrossed According to Order was read in the following Words Viz[t]

To His Excellency James Wright Esq[r] Captain General and Commander in Chief of the Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of of (sic) the same—

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly—

May it please your Excellency—

We His Majestys most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia in General Assembly met beg leave to express our hearty and sincere thanks for your Excellencys most Affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly—

We do with thankfulness and Humility of Heart acknowledge the many Instances of Divine ffavour shown to the British Nation during the Course of the present War and we do Cordially Congratulate Your Excellency on the Reduction of the City of the Havannah and its Dependances as it is an Event of the Utmost *Event* (sic) Importance to the peace safety and Happiness of this Province such a continued Series of Success Reflects the Greatest lusture on the British Armes and places her Glory and Power in the most conspicuous point in view—the Effect of which we fflatter ourselves will be a safe Honorable and lasting peace—

It gives us pleasure that Our Indian Affairs promise Quietude which we cannot in Justice but Acknowledge is the Result of Your Excellencys Unwearied Zeal and Application for the safety and Welfare of this Province.

We are truly sensible of the Blessings and Advantages we enjoy under the paternal Care of the best of Kings And we Assure you Sir we shall never be Wanting in

those Duties becoming His most faithful and loyal Subjects and however pleasing our present prospect may be Yet when we consider our Situation as a ffrontier Province and Vicinity to the Settlements of the ffrench and Spaniards and two Tribes of Indians whose ffriendship is at all Times precarious we are Convinced it is our Duty to put our fforts in the best posture of Defence and to grant such Aids for that purpose as the Circumstances of the Province will admit of—

We shall pay due regard to such other Matters as Your Excellency has been pleased to recommend to Us, and shall take under Consideration the Estimate to be laid before Us and grant such Supplys for the Services of the Current Year as may be expedient consistant with the Abilities of Our Constituents—

From the Whole Tenor of Your Excellencys Administration we are convinced that you have nothing further in View in any Measures you Recommend to Us than the Benefit and Advantage of the Province and we shall endeavour to Conduct Our selves with such Unanimity Candour and Confidence as may bring the Business of this Session to a Speedy and Happy Conclusion—

ORDERED that Mr Speaker do sign the said Address and he signed the same accordingly

RESOLVED that the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the whole House went to Attend His Excellency with their Address and being returned Mr Speaker reported they had Attended His Excellency and presented their Address to which His Excellency was pleased to give the following Answer Viz[t]

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen—

This Address by which you so Justly Manifest the Obligations we owe to Our most Gracious Sovereign And the Blessings we enjoy under his Wise and Magnanimous Government requires my best thanks as does also the Assurances you give me of making provission for the Services recommended to you And I must not omit to Acknowledge the grateful sence I have of your good Opinion of my Endeavours and Assure you that I shall always readily unite in every proper Measure for the Service of this Province the Benefit and Advantages of which is my sole View—

JA: WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia
the 21st of October 1762.

Motion being made that the Commissioners to repair or Rebuild the parish Church in the Town of Savannah appointed by An Act of the General Assembly Intitled An Act for the Repairing of Christ Church in Savannah be called upon to lay their Reasons before this House why they have not begun to Repair or Rebuild the said Church

ORDERED That the said Commissioners do lay before this House their Reasons why they have not begun to Repair or Rebuild the said Parish Church

ORDERED that Notice do Issue to the said Commissioners to lay before this House their Reasons why they have not begun to Repair or Rebuild the said Parish Church—

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday October 22d 1762

Motion been (sic) made for a Call of the House

ORDERED That this House be called Over on Monday the first day of November next—

ORDERED that such Members as shall not then Attend be sent for in Custody of the Messenger of this House—

ORDERED That the Clerk of this House do give Notice by Letter to the Absent Members that the House will be called Over on Monday Sevennight the first Day of November next and that the Dispaches be sent by a Special Messenger—

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday October 23th 1762—

The House met according to Adjournment And then Adjourned till Monday Morning 10 °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday October 25th 1762—

A Petition of the Commissioners appointed in and by An Act of the General Assembly of this Province for Repairing or Rebuilding the Parish Church in Savannah was presented to the House and read respectively that

soon after the Petitioners were appointed as aforesaid they did Cause a View of the state and Condition of the said Buildings to be had and taken by experienced Workmen who gave it as their unanimous Opinion that the Repairing thereof was impracticable or at the least would be so every expensive and hazardous in its Execution that the Building a New Church would be the most Beneficial Measure and as such was most adviseable—

That the Petitioners apprehended the Church is not so placed, but that in the building of a New one a more Advantagious and aproved Situation may be fixed upon for so Ornamental and publick and Edifeie, and that a small Repair will support the present Building for two of three Years so as the Inhabitants may have the Cumfort and Benefit of a place of Divine Worship to Resort to while the new Work is carrying on And that when the same shall become no longer useful or Necessary for the purposses aforesaid a Considerable Sum of Money may be raised by Sale of the Materials of the Old Building and the Lot Whereon it stands

That the Petitioners for those Reasons and not having it in their Power to Appropriate any place for the Building a New Church other than where the present one is situated, thought it prudent to delay carrying into Execution the Trust Reposed in them until they had made Application to your House touching the premisses—

That the Petitioners have caused Drafts to be prepared for a Building Suitable for the Pious purpose aforesaid together with an Estimate of the Expence that will attend the same, which they beg leave to lay before the House and therefore praying that the Premisses may be taken into Consideration, and such place fixed upon and Appropriated for the Use of the Intended new Building and such further Aid afforded the Petitioners to enable

them to effectuate the good Work as to the House shall seem meet—

ORDERED That the said Petition do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House—

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday October 26th 1762

Motion was made that a Committee be Appointed to enquire what Acts of General Assembly of this Province are expired or near expireing

ORDERED that Mr Tannatt Mr Butler and Mr Mc-Keithen be that Committee—

A Petition of Joseph Pruniere of Savannah was presented to the House and Read, setting forth

That the Petitioner is possessed of a Wharff Lot under the Bluff of Savannah River, adjoining which is another Lot belonging to the Publick whereon a Wharff was formerly Built but is now intirely gone to Ruin—

That the Petitioner is about to Erect a Wharff and Buildings for the Convenience of Landing and storeing of Goods and Merchandize and finds that if the same were made on the Ground where the Old Wharff formerly Stood it wou'd furnish a much more easy and Convenient Landing Than from the Petitioner's Lot and therefore praying that he may be permitted to purchase thirty ffeet of the said Old Wharff Lot next adjoining his Own Lot at such price as the House shall please Reasonably to ffix or otherwise may have leased unto him the thirty

feet for such Term of Years and under such Annuel Rent as shall be Agreed on reserving ffree Wharffage for all Goods and Comodities belonging to the Publick and for all provisions ffruits and Herbage brought to Market Which if Granted on Sale the Petitioner will engage to build a good and sufficient Wharff and thereon Erect proper Buildings and Storehouses and if under Lease purposses to build a good and Substantial Wharf—

ORDERED that the said Petition do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House

The Master in Chancery presented to the House a Message from His Excellency the Governor and also an Estimate of the Necessary Charges of Government in this Province for One Year commencing the 29th day of September 1762 and Ending the 29th day of September 1763 by His Excellencys Command—

And then he withdrew—

And the said Message was read by the Speaker and is as follows Viz—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen—

I now send you an Estimate of the Usual Articles of Expence for the Current Year Those relative to the Officers of the Crown are taken from the Estimate I sent you on the 27th of March 1761 I chose to guide myself by that Estimate because on (sic) some Objections heretofore made to it by your House, promoted and in a verry irregular extraordinary Manner attempted to be supported by Mr Grover I thought it my Duty to State the Matter home to the Right Honorable Lords of Trade for their Opinion and Direction thereon, Who by their Letter to me Dated the 25th February 1762 are pleased amongst other things to say, "Upon this Occasion we

had recourse to your Letter to us of the 13th of July 1761 which Contains your Observations upon those Laws and having fully Considered that part of it which relates to the Tax Act and also the Report of the Committee of Council which you transmitted with it, it does appear to us that the several Allowances to the publick Officers contained in the Estimate Marked A are not only Reasonable and proper in themselves, and similer to what is allowed in the Neighbouring Province of South Carolina but have also been granted to them from the first Establishment of the Colony without any Objection made thereto by the Late Commissioners of this Board: We are therefore of Opinion that you acted properly and Consistantly in laying An Estimate of them before the Assembly, and that the Objections made by the Lower House to those Articles which they have Omitted in the Tax Act of 1761 are unreasonable and void of foundation"—

"As to the Extraordinary Conduct of the Chief Justice upon this Occasion as Stated in the Report of the Committee of Council we shall avoid saying anything further upon it at present, than that we thought it Our Duty to submit the Case to his Majestys Consideration to the End that such Measures may be taken thereupon as the Nature of it shall Appear to Require—

I must desire Gentlemen that you will be pleased to reconsider my Message of the 17th of November last relative to the Repairs of the Court House and Jury Room which it was found inconvenient to provide for in the last Years Tax—

I also send you an Account of the Expence of bringing the Cannon from ffrederica to Cockspur Island, and it will be necessary to provide for making Carriages for them and for the purchase of a Quantity of Twelve

pounds Shot, there being at present only Sixty which I accidently heard of, and got from Sunbury

You will likewise Gentlemen Consider whether any Look Outs may be necessary on the Sea Coasts near the Inlets, and if any are judged Expedient, you will make provission for the same—

And I must acquaint you that the House made use of by the Rangers doing duty in this Town, as a Guard House is in a very ruinous Condition and wholy unfit for that Service— JA: WRIGHT

25th of October 1762—

And the Title of the said Estimate was read

ORDERED that the Estimate do lye upon the Table to be perused by the Members of this House—

ORDERED that Mr Tannatt Mr Read Mr Butler Mr Deveaux and Mr Ewen be a Committee to inspect the State of ffort Halifax in the Town of Savannah and the Block Houses round the said Town and also the State of the ffort upon Cockspur Island.

ORDERED that Mr Ewen Mr Kennan and Mr Deveaux be a Committee to inspect the State of the ffort at Ebenezer in the Parish of Saint Matthew—

ORDERED that Mr Wylly and Mr Wood be a Committee to inspect the state of the ffortifications within the Parish of Saint George.

ORDERED that Mr Graham Mr Barnard and Mr McGillivray be a Committee to inspect the State of the ffort and ffortifications at Augusta in the Parish of Saint Paul.

ORDERED that Mr Butler and Mr Maxwell be a Com-

mittee to Inspect the State of ffort Argyle and the ffortifications in the Parish of Saint Philip—

ORDERED that Mr Joseph Gibbons Mr Carter and Mr Winn be a Committee to inspect the State of the ffortifications in the Parish of Saint John—

ORDERED that Mr Robert Baillie and Mr West be a Committee to Examine the State of the ffort Barrington and the ffortifications in the Parish of Saint Andrew—

ORDERED that Mr Mr Keithen Mr William Gibbons and Mr Inigo Jones be a Committee to inspect the State of the ffort and ffortifications in the Parish of Saint James—

And then the House Adjourned Till to Morrow Morning Nine °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday Octr 27th 1762

Mr Tannatt from the Committee appointed to enquire what Acts of General Assembly of this Province are expired or near expireing reported that the Committee had enquired accordingly and found that the Act for Regulating the Assize of Bread expired the twenty fifth day of March last And that the Act intitled An Act to Amend An Act to prevent private persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing persons trading with them without License expired in December 1761 And the Act Intitled An Act for holding Special and Extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas for the Tryal of Causes arising between Merchants Traders and Mariners expired in March last And that the Act Intitled

An Act to prevent frauds in making Lumber, expired in September last—

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the bringints (sic) and the Spreading Contagious Distempers in this Province and to prevent Vessels from going out of any port within the same without producing a passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being.

ORDERED that Mr Read Mr Joseph Gibbons and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Motion was made that the Petition of Joseph Pruniere which was presented to the House the 26th day of October last and then Ordered to lye upon the Table should be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House—

RESOLVED that this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Petition into Consideration—

The House resolved into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Tannatt from the Committee reported they had taken the said petition into Consideration and examined part of the Matter thereof and that he was directed by the said Committee to move that they may have leave to sit again—

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to Consider the said petition To Morrow Morning—

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday October 28th 1762

ORDERED that tht Petition of the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly for repairing or rebuilding the Parish Church in Savannah be referred to the Consideration of a Committee, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same as it shall appear to them to the House and a Committee was appointed accordingly namely Mr Ewen Mr Read Mr Tannatt Mr Deveaux and Mr Wylly.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the petition of Joseph Pruniere, Mr Tannatt (sic) the House that the Petitioner was desireous to withdraw his said petition and moved that he might have leave to withdraw the same

ORDERED that the said Petitioner have leave to withdraw the said Petition.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to present Damages which may arise from Dams or Banks for Reserving or Stopping of Water—

ORDERED that Mr Read Mr Joseph Gibbons and Mr William Gibbons be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

Mr Read from the Committee Appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Damages which may arise from Dams or Banks for reserving or Stopping of Water reported they had prepared the same, which was received

and read the first Time and Ordered to be read a Second time—

Motion was made that an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor to desire His Excellency will be pleased to permit the South East Block House in the Town of Savannah to be appropriated to the Use of a Work House in the said Town until the Circumstances of the Province will allow and afford to build a proper Work House.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Read do prepare such Address

The said Address being prepared

ORDERED that Mr McGillivray and Mr Graham do present the same to His Excellency

The said Gentlemen waited on His Excellency and presented the said Address: and that His Excellency was pleased to Return for Answer thereto that he wou'd View the Block House himself and if he found that it wou'd Answer the Intended purpose he sho'd have no Objection to its being made use of as a Work House

RESOLVED that an Humble Address of Thanks be presented to His Excellency the Governor for His Excellencys Message to this House the 25th Instant and to thank him for Communicating part of the Letter to His Excellency from the Right Honorable the Lords of Trade and for His Excellencys Care in having the Cannon transported from ffrederica to Cockspur, And to Assure His Excellency this House will provide for Defraying the Expence of transporting the said Cannon and will as speedily as possible take under Consideration the Esti-

mate and other matters recommended by His Excellency—

ORDERED that such Address to His Excellency be prepared.

The said Address being prepared according to Order.

ORDERED that Mr Graham and Mr Read do present the same to His Excellency

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday October 29th 1762.

The House met according to Adjournment And then Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday October 30th 1762

The House met according to Adjournment And then Adjourned till Monday Morning 10 °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday November 1st 1762

The Order of the Day for the call of the Homes being read, the House was called Over and the Names of such Members as made Default to Appear was (sic) taken down, Namely Mr Wylly Mr McGillivray Mr Noble Wim-

berly Jones Mr Inigo Jones Mr Milledge Mr Butler Mr Baillie and Mr Barnard—

Mr Tannatt from the Committee Appointed to inspect the State and Condition of ffort Halifax in the Town of Savannah and the Block Houses round the said Town, and also the State and Condition of the ffort upon Cockspur Island reported they had examined the same, and were ready to make their Report to the House when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED that the said Report be received on Mon (sic) Morning next

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine °Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday November 2d 1762

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for holding Special or Extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas for the Tryal of Causes arising between Merchants Ship Masters Super Cargoes and other Transient Persons—

ORDERED that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Ewen and Mr Tannatt be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

The Bill Intitled An Act to prevent Damages which may Arise from Dams or Banks for reserving or stoping of Water was read a Second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House—

RESOLVED that this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill

Tht House resolved into a Committee Accordingly and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through part thereof and made some Amendments thereto and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for leave to sit again—

RESOLVED that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Bill to Morrow Morning—

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent prevent (sic) private persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing persons trading with them without Licence—

ORDERED that Mr Tannatt Mr Joseph Gibbons Mr Read Mr Graham Mr Ewen and Mr McKeithen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

Mr Graham who was appointed to present an humble Address of Thanks to His Excellency for His Excellency Message to the House of the 25th of October last reported that himself and Mr Read had waited on His Excellency and presented the said Address And that His Excellency was pleased to Return his Thanks to this House for the said Address—

And then the House Adjourned Till To Morrow Morning Nine °Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday November 3d 1762.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for Inspecting Pork Beef, Rice Indigo, Tarr Pitch Turpentine Staves Heading Shingles and Lumber—

ORDERED that Mr McKeithen Mr Maxwell and Mr Wood be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for impowering the General Court of Pleas to grant Writs of Partition of Lands and Tenements held in Coparcenary Joint Tenancy and Tenancey in Common in this Province and appointing the Method of proceeding therein And also for making of fforce in this Province the Several Acts of Parliament of Great Briton hitherto used and accepted as Laws of this Province—

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe and Mr McKeithen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House according to Order a Bill for impowering the several Courts of Pleas to grant Writs of partition of Lands and Tenements held in Coparcenary Joint Tenancy and Tenancy in Common in this Province and Appointing the Method of proceeding therein And also for making of fforce in this Province the several Acts of Parliament of Great Britain hitherto Used and accepted as Laws of this Province was received and read the first Time and Ordered to be read a Second Time

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for reviveing continuing and Amending An Act of the General Assembly of this Province for regulating the Assize of Bread.

ORDERED That Mr McKeithen Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Winn be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

Mr Tannatt acquainted the House that the Committee to whom the petition of the Commissioners appointed in and by An Act of the General Assembly of this Province for repairing or Rebuilding the Parish Church in Savannah was referred had agreed upon A Report which they had directed him to make to the House when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED That the said report be now received

Then Mr Tannatt read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read as (sic) is as follows Vizt

Your Committee in Order to Judge fully of the Matter set forth in the said petition have viewed and Examined the said Church in a very Careful and exact Manner attended by a Carpenter and find it in the following Condition—

The ffoundation Wall (of Stone) upwards of two feet thick is in a very good Condition The Cills in general Rotten and will not serve for the Use again part of the joints in the same Condition some small places in the ffloor rotten The Shedds and ports all round the Church quit decayed at the Bottom, the plates (except the West end which we cou'd not carefully view) all round the Roof good The Steeple we apprehend must be taken down the Columns sound and good The Pews Pulpit &c with the Casements good.

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Church cannot be repaired and put in a Good Condition without a New Steeple under the Sum of Eight hundred Pounds.

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that if it be found Necessary to build a New Church a more Convenient spot may be fixed on—

Motion was made that the said Report be reffered to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Report into Consideration to Morrow Morning.

Mr Tannatt from the Committee appointed to Inspect the State and Condition of ffort Halifax in the Town of Savannah and the Block Houses round the said Town and also of the ffort upon Cockspur Island, reported (according to Order) the State and Condition of the said fforts and Block Houses and the Resolutions which the Committee had directed him to Report to the House, which he read in his place and afterwards delivered in at the Table where the Report was read and is as followeth Vizt

RESOLVED That this Committee have Examined the ffort at Cockspur and find that the last hard Winds from the North East had driven the Water of the River against the North East Angle and had much Damaged the same and had also a little damaged the East side and South East Angle and the Waters heaving been raised very high had also done some other inconsiderable Damage that thereby the Banks of the South East Corner East side and North East and South West Angles had been well faced with Palmetto Puncheons—And that they had viewed the Brick Work intended for the Support of the Capponiere and dig to see the ffoundation—

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that it is proper to Continue the faceing the Banks round

the ffort to protect the same against any Injuries of Weather—

RESOLVED That it is also the Opinion of this Committee that the ffoundation for the Support of so large a Building as is intended to be erected within the ffort should be better secured and Strengthened not being at present sufficient to support the same and also the ffoundation of the Chimney should be made very sufficient as great part of the Buildings will rest upon it

That your Committee having viewed and Examined the present Condition of the Block Houses round the Town of Savannah find that many of the planks round the ffort are fallen off and many others with the ports going to decay and that the Block Houses are in good Condition—

The said Report being read a second Time was agreed to by the House with the following Amendments Viz[t]

RESOLVED That the Intermediate Space of the foundation now designed for the support of the Caponier be piled and Brick work erected thereon and that the foundation of the Chimney be done in the same manner and that a Drain be made from the Bottom of the Celler wi h Brick through the ffort to carry off any Water that may come into the Cellar.

RESOLVED That such planks as are fallen off ffort Halifax be again replaced—

ORDERED That the Commissioners for Building the ffort at Cockspur be directed by M[r] Speaker to face the Banks of the said ffort round with Palmetto puncheons and that the immediate (sic) Spaces of the foundation now designed for the Support of the Caponiere be piled and Brick Work erected thereon and that the foundation of

the Chimney be done in the same Manner and that a drain be made with Brick from the Bottom of the Cellar throught the ffort to carry off any Water that may come into the Cellar—

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr Noble Wimberly Jones.

Commons House of Assembly
November 3d 1762.

Honourable Gentlemen

The Commons House of Assembly have come to a Resolution to provide for the Expence of ffaceing the Outside of the Breast Work and Rampart of the ffort of Cockspur with palmetto puncheons and of piling the intermediate Spaces of the foundation designed for the Support of the Caponiere and laying the same with Bricks and of laying the foundation of the Chimney in the same Manner and also for making a drain with Brick from the Cellar through the ffort to carry off such Water as may get into the Cellar.

ORDERED That the Commissioners of ffortifications for the Town of Savannah be directed by Mr Speaker to Cause the Planks that are fallen off Fort Halifax to be nailed on again —

ORDERED that the Order of the Day be Adjourned over till Monday Morning next.

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday November 4th 1762

The House met according to Adjournment And Then Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday November 5th 1762.

The House met According to Adjournment And Then Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday November 6th 1762

The House met according to Adjournment And Then Adjourned till to Morrow (sic) Morning 9 °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday November 8th 1762

ORDERED That the Order of the Day be Adjourned till Wednesday Morning next—

The Bill Intitled An Act for impowering the General Courts of Pleas to grant Writs of Partition of Lands and Tenements held in Coparcenary Joint Tenancy and Tenancy in Common in this Province and appointing the Method of proceeding therein And also for making of fforce in this province the several Acts of Parliament of Great Britain hitherto used and Accepted as Laws of

this province was read a Second Time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House—

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration on Wednesday Next—

ORDERED That the Commissioners of the pilotage be directed to have the Tree on Tybee Island known as a Land Mark secured in a proper Manner which is now in Danger of ffalling.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr Noble Wimberly Jones.

Commons House of Assembly
November 8th 1762

Hon^le Gentlemen

This House having come to a Resolution to provide for the Expence of securing the Land Mark Tree on Tybee Island which is in Danger of ffalling desires your House will concur with this House in the said Resolution—

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine OClock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday November 9th 1762

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to Examine the Condition of the Cemetry or Burying Ground belonging to the Town of Savannah and Report the same to the House

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe Mr Read Mr Ewen and Mr Milledge be a Committee for that purpose

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to view the Condition of the Cemetry or Burying Ground belonging to the Town of Savannah Acquainted the House that the Committee had viewed and Examined the state of the said Cemetry or Burying Ground and agreed upon a Report which they had directed him to make when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Report be now made

Then Mr Ottolenghe read the Report in his place and afterward delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read and is as follows

This Committee having viewed the Burying Ground in Savannah find but little Vacancy left for future Interments—

RESOLVED It is the Opinion of this Committee that the said Burying Ground ought to be extended to Abercorn Street to the Westward and about One hundred ffeet to the Southward and being so enlarged will contain a sufficient Space for a Burying Ground—

RESOLVED That this Committee are of Opinion that the said Burying Ground ought to be Inclosed.

RESOLVED That this Committee are of Opinion Two hundred feet Square of Ground be laid out bounding on the five Acre Lots in a Line with the Burial place for the parish of Christ Church for a Burial place for the Negroes and other Slaves

RESOLVED that this House doth agree with their Committee to the said Report—

RESOLVED That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency that he will be pleased to give Directions to the proper Officer or Officers to lay before this House An Account of Monies arising from An Act intitled An Act for better regulating Taverns punch Houses and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors from the Year One thousand Seven hundred and fifty nine to the present Year inclusive—

RESOLVED That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor that he will be pleased to give Directions to the Publick Treasurer to lay before this House the Publick Accounts.

Motion was made that leave be given to bring in a Bill for ascertaining and settling the ffees to be taken by the several Officers of this province (sic) the Execution of their respective Offices

ORDERED That Mr McKeithen Mr Butler and Mr Kennon do prepare and bring in the same

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine OClock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday November 10th 1762

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill for regulating the making Dams and Banks for reserving Water where The same may effect the property of other persons and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee reported they had further Considered the said Bill and gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto and he read

the same in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed—

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House upon the Report of the Committee to whom the Petition of the Commissioners appointed in and by An Act of General Assembly of this Province for repairing or Rebuilding the Parish Church in Savannah was reffered And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair And Mr Tannatt from the Committee of the whole House acquainted the House that they had taken the said Report into Consideration and gone through part thereof and come to several Resolutions thereupon and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for leave to sit again—

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to Consider the said Report to Morrow Morning

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday November 11th 1762

Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee appointed to inspect the State of the ffortifications in the parish of Saint John Acquainted the House that they had viewed and Examined the same and were ready to Report the

same to the House when the House will please to receive their Report—

ORDERED That the said Report be now received.

Then Mr Joseph Gibbons read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read and is as follows to Wit

This Committee having viewed the ffortifications in Saint Johns Parish find that ffort Saint John is much out of Repair a Space of about seventy feet being fallen down That the gates of the said ffort also want repairing That most of the planks of the ffort are sound, but several of the Posts Rotten

That part of the Stockade ffort built at Sunbury at the Time of the late Indian Alarm is fallen down—

That there are four pieces of Cannon ffour pounders on the Bay at Sunbury but without Carrages or a platform—

That at a Point called Cedar Hammock about eight Miles below Sunbury there is a House Twenty feet in Length and Twelve ffeet in wedth There are also upon the same point some Remains of a Battery of Tabby Work which Mr Bosomworth had agreed with the Commissioners of ffortifications to build but before the same coud be finished it was Overwhelmed and washed away by the Sea a strong North East Wind setting the Sea in to a very great Height

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that as there is now War with Spain and the Coast of this Province hath been lately much infested by privateers the Town of Sunbury and the plantations along

Medway River are in Great Danger of being pillaged and Burnt.

RESOLVED It is the Opinion of this Committee that for the protection of the Town of Sunbury and the plantation Adjacent it is highly Necessary a Battery be immediately erected Upon the Cedar Hammock and that three pieces of Cannon (Six Pounders) be mounted thereon and a Look-Out Stationed there and that a Boat be provided for a Look-Out. And that three more pieces of Cannon (four pounders) be sent to the Town of Sunbury and together with the four pieces already there, immediately mounted

RESOLVED This Committee are of Opinion that a Sufficient quantity of powder and Ball shou'd be provided for the Service of the Battery and the Town of Sunbury.

RESOLVED It is the Opinion of this Committee that for Erecting a Battery at the Cedar Hammock and keeping a Look Out there over and besides the Sum of One hundred pounds already granted for that purpose a further Sum of Eighty seven pounds One shilling and four pence will be required exclusive of what Money may be Necessary to supply the Battery with powder and Ball.

Motion was made that the said Report be refered to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Report into Consideration on Tuesday the Twenty third Instant.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for Cleaning and keeping Clear the Bay Street and Alleys in the Town of Sunbury—

ORDERED That Mr Joseph Gibbons Mr Wynn and Mr Carter do prepare and bring in the same.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent persons from throwing Ballast or Rubbish or falling Trees into the Rivers or Navigable Creeks within this Province and keeping Clear the Channels of the same

ORDERED That Mr Tannatt Mr Read and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The House resolved into a Committee of the whole House and took into further Consideration the Report of the Committee to whom the petition of the Commissioners appointed in and by An Act of the General Assembly of this Province for repairing or Rebuilding the Parish Church in Savannah was referred and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Tannatt from the Committee of the whole House acquainted the House that they had taken the said Report into further Consideration and gone through the same and had come to several Resolutions thereupon which they were ready to Report to the House when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED That the said Report be made on Tuesday Morning next.

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Fryday November 12th 1762

Motion was made that the Words "And for Exemping the Inhabitants thereof from Working on the Publick

Roads" be added to the Title of the Bill for Clearing and keeping clean the Bay Streets and Alleys of the Town of Sunbury. And that Motion being Objected to and a Debate Arising thereon and the Question being put it passed in the Affermative.

Mr Deveaux informed the House that the Committee of Correspondence with William Knox Esqr Agent Assisstant for this Province in Great Britain have received sundry Letters and other papers from the said Agent which they are ready to lay before the House when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Committee of Correspondence do lay the said Letters and papers before this House on Wednesday Morning next

And then the House Adjourned Till to Morrow Morning Nine OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday November 13th 1762

The House met According to Adjournt And then Adjourned till Monday Morning Ten OClock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday November 15th 1762

The House met According to Adjournment And then Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday November 16th 1762

The Order of the Day being read Mr Tannatt from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Report of the Committee upon the Petition of the Commissioners Appointed in and by An Act of the General Assembly of this Province for Repairing or rebuilding the Parish Church in Savannah was referred reported the Resolutions of the Committee of the whole House upon the said Report, And he read the same in his place and Afterwards delivered them in at the Table where the same were again Read and are as follows, Viz^t

The Committee of the whole House having taken into Consideration the Report of the Committee to whom the Petition of the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province for repairing or rebuilding of Christ Church was referred, have come to the following Resolutions, Viz^t

RESOLVED, That a more convenient Spot of Ground than where the present Church stands may be found to build a new Church upon.

RESOLV'D that a piece of Ground be laid out for the building a new Church upon in the Centre of Johnson's Square, but that no allowance of Ground be made for any Inclouse round the said Church

RESOLV'D, that the present Church in Savannah be repaired and that two hundred Pounds be granted for that Purpose

RESOLV'D that this House doth agree with the Committee of the whole House to the said Report.—

A Bill intitled An Act to prevent the bringing into and spreading Contagious Distempers in this province was read the first Time and Ordered to be read a second time—

The Ingrossed Bill Intitled An Act to prevent Damages that may arise from Dams or Banks for reserving or stoping of Water was read the third Time.

RESOLV'D that the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED That Mr Joseph Gibbons do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for Building a Publick Goal in the Town of Augusta—

ORDERED that Mr Barnard Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Mc Gillivray be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

ORDERED That Mr William Gibbons have leave to go into the Country for a Week upon Extraordinary Occasions—

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine OClock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday November 17th 1762

The Bill intitled An Act to prevent the bringing into and spreading Contagious Distempers in this province was read the second Time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a

Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration to Morrow Morning.

The Order of the Day being read Mr Deveaux from the Committee of Correspondance with William Knox Esquire Agent Assistant for this province in Great Britain laid before the House sundry Letters and papers received By the Committee from the said Agent Assistant

ORDERED that the said Letters and papers do lye upon the Table to be perrused by the Members of the House.

RESOLVED That this House will take the said papers and Letters into Consideration on Friday Morning next

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr Milledge—

Commons House of Assembly
17th November 1762.

[For transcript of message desiring concurrence in Resolution to provide expences to repair Fort at Cockspur see Journal of Upper House 17 Novr Message there dated 3 November]

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine OClock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 11.)

Thursday Novr 18th 1762

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill to prevent the bringing into and Spreading of Contageous Distempers in this Province according to the Order of the Day and after some

Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Noble Wimberly Jones from the said Committee Reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through part thereof and made some Amendments thereto and that he was directed by the said Committee to move that they may have leave to sit again.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to Consider the said Bill to Morrow Morning.

And then the House Adjourned Till To Morrow Morning Nine OClock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday Novr 19th 1762

Mr Speaker acquainted the House that a Certain scandalous Libel having been lately written and published highly reflecting on the Honour of the whole Legislative Body of this province and that he thought it is (sic) Duty to take notice of it to the House—

The House took into Consideration the Letters and papers transmitted by William Knox Esquire Agent Assistant to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Brittain according to the Order of the Day.

Motion was made for appointing William Knox Esquire Provincial Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain—

RESOLVED Nem. Con that William Knox Esqr be appointed Provincial Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain—

Motion was made that the Sum of One hundred pounds Sterling be allowed William Knox Esquire as Provincial Agent to sollicit the Affairs of of (sic) this province in Great Britain for defraying his Expences of Coach hire over and besides his reasonable Charges and Disbursement in Negotiating the Affairs of this Province for One Year to Commence on the first Day of May next ensuing and that he be directed to transmit An Account of such Charges and Disbursements to be laid before this House;

RESOLVED That the Sum of One hundred Pounds Sterling be allowed William Knox Esqr as provincial Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain for defraying his Expences of Coach hire over and besides his reasonable Charges and Disbursements in Negotiating the Affairs of this Province for one Year to Commence on the first Day of May next ensuing and that he be directed to transmit an Account of such Charges and Disbursements to be laid before this House.

Motion was made for leave to bring in An Ordinance for Appointing William Knox Esquire provincial Agent to Sollicit the Affairs of this province in Great Britain.

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe Mr Ewen and Mr Mc Keithen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Motion was made to appoint a Committee of Correspondance with the provincial Agent for One Year—

ORDERED that Mr Speaker for the Time being Mr Ottolenghe Mr Milledge Mr Tannatt M^r McGillivray Mr Ewen and Mr Read be that Committee.

ORDERED that Mr Joseph Gibbons have leave of Absence from his Service in Assembly for a Month.

ORDERED That Mr McGillivray have leave of Absence for a Week—

ORDERED That Mr Wylly have leave of Absence from his Service in Assembly till Thursday next.

ORDERED That the Order of the Day be Adjourned over till Monday Morning

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly
19th November 1762 [has been altered from 17th. Ed.]

[For transcript of this message, dated 17 Novr concurring in Resolution to provide expences to repair Fort at Cockspur see Journal of Upper House 18 November.]

And then the House Adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday November 12th (sic) 1762

The House met according to Adjournment And then Adjourned till Monday Morning Ten °Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday November 22d 1762

ORDERED That the Order of the Day be Adjourned Over till to Morrow Morning.

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday Novr 23^{d} 1762.

Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee Appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Exempting the Inhabitants in the Town of Sunbury from Working on the Publick Roads and for Cleaning and keeping Clean the Bays Streets and Alleys of the said Town reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first Time and Ordered to be read a second Time.

The House took into Consideration the Information given the House by Mr Speaker on Friday last concerning certain Scandalous Verses lately written and published highly reflecting on the whole Legislative Body of this province

RESOLVED That the Verses referred to by Mr Speaker on the Information given this House last Friday are a Scandalous Malicious Libel highly reflecting on the whole Legislature of this province—

RESOLVED That this House doth censure the said Verses as a scandalous and malicious Libel highly injurious to and reflecting upon his Excellency the Governors private Charactor and grosly villifying his just and Upright Administration abominably traducing both Houses of Assembly and tending to disturb the peace of this Province by infusing Jelousies into the mind of the people.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr Milledge—

Commons House of Assembly
23d November 1762

Honourable Gentlemen

This House having been Informed that certain scandalous Verses have been lately written and published highly reflecting on the whole Legislative Body of this province this House hath come to the following Resolutions Viz[t]

[For transcript of the 2 Resolutions see foregoing page]

To which Resolutions this House doth desire the Concurrence of your House and that your House will be pleased to appoint a Committee of your House to join a Committee of this House to confer upon the Subject Matter of the said Libel and if your Honours please to join in Conferrence this House desires you'l appoint your Number Time and place.

The Committee of this House are

Joseph Ottolenghe
Alexander Wylly
Lachlan M[c]Gillivray
Noble Wimberly Jones
John Milledge
Alexander M[c]Keithen
John Maxwell
} Esq[rs]

The Order of the Day being read the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to Inspect the ffortifications In Saint Johns Parish and after some Time spent therein M[r] Speaker resumed the Chair and M[r] Read from the Committee of the whole House reported they had taken the said report into Consideration and come to several Resolutions thereupon

which he was directed to Report to the House when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED that the said Report be now made; then Mr Read read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where it was again read, and is as follows, vizt

RESOLVED, It is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of ffifty eight Pounds be granted for finishing the Battery on the Cedar Hammock on Midway River, mounting the Guns already at Sunbury and purchasing a Boat for the use of the Look-Out at the said Battery: and that the further Sum of fforty two Pounds be granted for transporting and mounting six more Pieces of Cannon for the Protection of Sunbury and the Settlements upon the River Midway.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to prevent the bringing into and spreading Contagious Distempers in this Province, according to the order of the day; and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Noble Wimberly Jones from the Committee reported, that they had made some further progress in the said Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly.
23^d Novr 1762

[For transcript of message agreeing to a conference on Libel and names of Committee see Journal of Upper House 23 Nov^r]

And then the House adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, Novr 24th 1762

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to prepare an Ordinance for appointing the Honorable William Knox Esquire Agent for the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain, reported the had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Upper House on the Subject Matter of the Libel highly reflecting upon the Honor of the whole Legislative Body of this Province, reported that the Committee of both Houses had used their utmost Endeavors to discover the Author of the said Libel, but cou'd not; that the Committee were unanimously of Opinion that a joint Address of both Houses be presented to His Excellency the Governor, expressing their Detestation of the Author of the said Libel, and praying His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Proclamation offering a Reward of one hundred and five pounds Sterling, (to be provided for by this House,) to any Person who will discover the Author of the said Libel.

RESOLVED, that this House doth agree to the said Report, and will provide the Sum of One hundred and five Pounds Sterling to be given as a Reward to any Person who shall discover the Author of the said Libel.

ORDERED, that Mr Wylly, Mr Read and Mr Wood be a Committee to join a Committee of the Upper House in preparing an Address of both Houses to be presented to His Excellency the Governor, expressing their Detestation of the Author of the said Libel and praying His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Proclamation

offering a Reward of one hundred and five Pounds Sterling, to be provided for by this House, to any Person who will discover the Author of the said Libel.

ORDERED, that the following Message be sent to the Upper House,

Commons House of Assembly
Novr 24th 1762.

Honorable Gentlemen,

This House having agreed to the Report of their Committee appointed to join a Committee of your House in Conference upon the Subject Matter of the Libel highly reflecting upon the Honor of the whole Legislative Body of this Province, hath appointed a Committee to join a Committee of your House in preparing a joint Address of both Houses to be presented to His Excellency the Governor, expressing their Detestation of the Author of the said Libel, and praying His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Proclamation offering a Reward of one hundred and five pounds Sterling, (for which this House will provide,) to any Person who will discover the Author of the said Libel, and therefore desires your House will be pleased to appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House in preparing the said Address.

The Committee Of this House are,

Alexander Wylly
James Read } Esquires.
Joseph Wood

ORDERED, That Mr Noble Wimberly Jones do carry up the said Message to the Upper House.

And then the House adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, November 25th 1762.

Mr Noble Wimberly Jones from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Bill intitled an Act to prevent the bringing into and spreading contagious Distempers in this Province, and to oblige vessels going out of any Port within the same first to produce for that purpose a Passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being and to prevent the harbouring of sick Sailors and others, was referred, reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill and made some Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will be pleased to receive the same,

ORDERED, That the said Report be now received;

Then Mr Jones read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

An Ordinance appointing William Knox Esquire Agent to sollicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain was read a second time and committed.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery, acquainting the House that the Upper House had passed a Bill intitled an Act for holding special or extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas for the Tryal of Causes arising between Merchants, Ship-Masters, Super-Cargoes and other transient Persons, to which they

desired the Concurrence of this House; and that the Upper-House had also passed a Bill intitled an Act to prevent Damages which may arise from Dams or Banks for reserving or stopping Water, with one Amendment, to which Amendment, they desired the Concurrence of this House.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly,
Novr 25th 1762.

[For transcript of message agreeing to present Address to the Govr on the Libel and names of Committee see Journal of Upper House 25 Nov.]

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled An Act for impowering the General Court of Pleas to grant Writs of Partition of Lands and Tenements held in Coparcenary, Joint-Tenancy and Tenancy in Common in this Province, and appointing the Method of proceeding therein, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Read from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through the same and made some Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House when (sic) the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be now received; then Mr Read read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

A Message from the Upper-House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper-House of Assembly,
Novr 18th 1762.

Mr Speaker,

In answer to your Message dated the 8th instant, this House doth concur with your House in the Resolution to provide for the expence of securing the Land-Mark Tree on Tybee Island.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intitled An Act to prevent Damages which may arise from Dams or Banks for reserving or stopping of Water, and agreed thereto.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Upper-House by Mr Read,

Commons House of Assembly,
Novr 25th 1762

Honorable Gentlemen,

This House having come to a Resolution to provide for the Expence of facing the Outside of the Breast Work and Rampart of the ffort at Cockspur with Palmeto Puncheons and of piling the intermediate Spaces of the foundation designed for the support of the Caponiere and laying the same with Brick, and of laying the foundation of the Chimney in the same manner, and also for making a drain with Brick from the Cellar through the ffort to carry off such water as may get into the Cellar, desires your House will concur with this House in the said Resolution.

The ingrossed Bill from the Upper-House intitled An Act for holding special or extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas for the Trial of Causes arising between Merchants, Ship-Masters, Super-Cargos and other transient Persons, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

And then the House adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, November 26th 1762.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the Ordinance for appointing William Knox Esquire Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Read from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Ordinance into Consideration and gone through the same and made some Amendments thereto; and he read the Amendments in his place and afterwards delivered the Ordinance with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the said Ordinance with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The said Ordinance being ingrossed, was read the third time.

RESOLVED, That the Ordinance do pass.

A Member of the House informed the House that it was generally suspected that Henry Kennan Esqr a Mem-

ber of this House was the Author or publisher of the Libel lately published highly reflecting on the whole Legislative Body of this Province, and moved that that Gentleman might be called upon by the House to clear himself of that Suspicion.

ORDERED, That the Clerk of this House do give Notice by Letter to the said Henry Kennan Esquire of that Matter, and acquaint him that this House requires him to attend his Service in Assembly on Tuesday Morning next.

A Bill intitled An Act for holding special or extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas for the Trial of Causes arising between Merchants Ship Masters Super-Cargos and other transient Persons was read a second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Read from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through part thereof and made an Amendment thereto, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLV'D, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the said Bill on Wednesday morning next.

And then the House adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, Novr 27th 1762.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till till (sic) Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, Novr 29th 1762.

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned 'till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, Novr 30th 1762.

The order of the day being rêad for Henry Kennan Esqr to attend his Service in Assembly, and the name of the said Henry Kennan being called, he appeared, and being called upon by the House to clear himself of the Suspicion of his being the Author or Publisher of the Libel lately published highly reflecting on the Honor of the whole Legislative Body of this Province, the said Henry Kennan declared to the House that as at present there was only a Suspicion of his being the Author of that Libel he did not think himself obliged to give any Satisfaction further than to say that when a proper Accusation sho'd be brought against him he wou'd be ready to answer it.

Motion was made, and the Question being put, whether

Henry Kennan Esqr had given proper Satisfaccon to the House upon the Motion made last ffriday?

It passed in the Negative.

Motion was made, that Henry Kennan Esqr sho'd be asked to declare upon his Honor, whether he was the Author of the said Libel or not? and the said Henry Kennan being asked, he refused to declare.

Motion was made that any further proceeding upon the Motion made last ffriday in regard to the Suspicion of the said Henry Kennan's being the Author of the said Libel, sho'd be postponed 'till next Thursday Se'nnight, and the Question being put, It passed in the Affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr Carter have leave of Absence from his Service in Assembly 'till to-morrow Se'nnight.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery, vizt

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen,

On the 6th April last I sent you a Message relative to the repair of the Court House and Jury Rooms in Consequence of which the Sum of £70 was granted and appropriated for that purpose by the last Tax Law: And on viewing those Buildings and considering which way they might be repaired and made most useful at the least Expence I ordered a Calculation to be made by Workmen of the Expence of repairing them as they now stand, and of adding another Story to the Court House; from which it appears that to repair the Court House and raise another Story on the lower Works which will furnish very convenient Jury Rooms exclusive of Iron work, will amount to £192..10..0 — And that to repair the Court House as it now stands without any Alteration or

Addition and build Jury Rooms will very greatly exceed that Sum. ffor which Reason I have delay'd ordering any Repairs or Alteration to be made that the Matter might be laid before you and such Additional Sum granted as you may think proper. JA: WRIGHT.

And then the House adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, Decr 1st 1762.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill intitled An Act for holding special or extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas &c and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Jones from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made several other Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED That the said Report be received to-morrow morning

And then the House adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday Decr 2d 1762

The House met According to Adjournment—

ORDERED, That the order of the day be adjourned over till Monday Morning next.

And then the House adjourned 'till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, Decr 3d 1762.

The House met according to Adjournment, and then adjourned 'till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From P. B. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, Decr 4th 1762.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, Decr 6th 1762.

The Order of the day being read Mr Jones from the Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled An Act for holding special or extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas &c reported the Amendments made by the said Committee to the said Bill; and he read the Amend-

ments in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Mr Ewen presented to the House according to Order, a Bill intitled an Act to prevent Persons from throwing Ballast or Rubbish, or falling Trees into the navigable Creeks and Rivers within this Province and for keeping Clear the Channels of the same; which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The ingrossed Bill intitled an Act to prevent the bringing into and spreading Contagious Distempers within this Province &c was read a third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Jones do carry the same to the Upper-House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The ingrossed Bill intitled an Act for impoweing the General Court of Pleas to grant Writs of Partition of Lands and Tenements held in Coparcenary Joint-Tenancy and Tennancy in Common in this Province and appointing the Method of proceeding therein, was read the third time.

RESOLVED, That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Jones do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

And then the House adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, Decr 7th 1762.

Mr Read presented to the House according to Order a Bill intitled an Act to prevent Persons purchasing Lands of the Indians and for preventing persons to trade with them without Licence, and the same was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The Bill intitled An Act to prevent Persons from throwing Ballast or Rubbish or falling Trees into the Rivers & navigable Creeks within this Province was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration immediately.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, Decr 8th 1762.

The Bill intitled an Act to prevent private persons from purchasing Lands of the Indians and for preventing persons from trading with them without Licence was read a second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr Ottolenghe a Member of this House and one of the Commissioners for repairing or rebuilding of the Church in Savannah acquainted the House that upon a Re-survey of the said Church, notwithstanding the former Representation of the Workmen it was found the foundation of the Church was insufficient to support any new Building.

ORDERED, That the Clerk of this House do give Notice by Advertisement to the Carpenters and Bricklayers to inspect the State and Condition of the Church in Savannah and to require those who do inspect the same to attend the House on ffriday morning next.

The ingrossed Bill intitled an Act for holding special or extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas for the Trial of Causes arising between Merchants, Ship-Masters, Super-Cargos & other transient Persons &c was read the third time;

RESOLVED, That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Mckeithen do carry up the same to the Upper-House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Bill intitled an Act for exempting the Inhabitants

of the Town of Sunbury from working on the Publick Roads, and for clearing and keeping clean the Bay, Streets and Alleys of the said Town, was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill this day Se'nnight.

And then the House adjourned 'till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, Decr 9th 1762.

The order of Tuesday the 30th day of November last for postponing any further proceeding upon the Motion made on ffriday the 26th of November last in regard to Mr Kennans being generally suspected to be the Author or Publisher of the Libel lately written and published, highly reflecting upon the Honor of the whole Legislative Body of this Province, being read, and the said Mr Kennan being now again called upon to clear himself of that Suspicion, the said Mr Kennan made the following Declaration to the House, vizt

> This paper either mislaid or lost, & whatever were ye Contents it seems the House was satisfied
>
> THO^{s} BURRINGTON [Autograph]
>
> Clerk of ye Com. House.

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Motion was made that the Declaration now made by the said Henry Kennan Esqr be deemed sufficient Satis-

faction to this House to clear him of the Suspicion of his being the Author or Publisher of the Libel highly reflecting on the Honor of the whole Legislative Body of this Province; and the Question being put, It was carried in the Affirmative.

Motion was made that the said Mr Kennan sho'd be called upon by this House to ask pardon of the House for not satisfying the House, whether he was the Author or Publisher of the said Libel, when required by the House on the 30th of November last; and the Question being put, it was carried in the Affirmative: And the said Mr Kennan being called upon by the House, asked Pardon accordingly.

A Bill intitled an Act for constituting and dividing the several Districts of this Province into Parishes, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The ingrossed Bill intitled an Act to prevent Persons throwing Ballast or Rubbish or falling Trees into the Rivers or Navigable Creeks within this Province and for keeping clear the Channels of the same, was read a third time.

RESOLVED, That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED, That Mr McGillivray do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery—

Acquainting this House that the Upper House had agreed to a Bill intitled an Act for regulating a Workhouse for the Custody and Punishment of Negroes, with

some Amendments, to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bill and went through part thereof.

RESOLVED, That this House will further consider the said Amendments on Monday Morning next.

Motion was made that no leave of Absence be given to any Member of this House until the House shall be adjourned during the ensuing Holidays, and the Question being put, it passed in the Affirmative.

And then the House adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, Decr 10th 1762.

Mr Wylly from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency in conjunction with a Committee of the Upper-House, upon the Subject Matter of the Libel lately written and published highly reflecting upon the Honor of the whole Legislative Body of this Province, reported the joint Committee had prepared the same; and he read it in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where the same was read again in the following words, vizt—

To His Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Georgia—

The Humble Address of both Houses of Assembly—

May it please your Excellency,

We His Majestys Most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Council and Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia in General Assembly met beg leave to represent to your Excellency that whereas a certain false Scandelous and Defamatory Libel highly reflecting on your Excellency and the whole Legislative Body of this Province was lately found Inscribed on the Wall of An Apartment near the State House And whereas all Means hitherto used have been found Ineffectual to find out the other (sic) thereof

We therefore that nothing may be wanting on Our Parts towards discovering and punishing the person or persons concerned in the making and publishing the said Libel and to Testify Our detestation of the false Scandelous and Malicious insinuations Contained therein and in particular to that part that (so Unjustly) Reflects on Your Excellency whose Upright disinterested and Impartial Administration has on all Occasions been deservidly Approved of by Us and Justly requires our Utmost Efforts to support and Maintain Do Earnestly desire that your Excellency will be pleased to issue a Proclamation Offering a Reward of One hundred and five pounds (for which we will provide) to any person or persons who shall discover the Author or Authors of the said Libel so as they may be Convicted thereof—

ORDERED, That Mr Speaker do sign the said Address, and he signed the same accordingly.

A Message from the Upper-House by the Master in Chancery—

Upper-House of Assembly,

Decr 10th 1762.

Mr Speaker,

Upon the Report of the Committee of this House appointed to join a Committee of your House in preparing an Address of both Houses to be presented to His Excellency on the Subject Matter of the false and scandalous Libel lately published, this House doth agree with their Committee in the Address so prepared, and desire that you will appoint a Member of your House to join a Member of this House to attend His Excellency therewith.

ORDERED, That Mr Wylly and Mr Barnard to join the Member appointed by the Upper-House in presenting the said Address to His Excellency.

Mr Wylly who, with Mr Barnard, was appointed to join a Member of the Upper House in presenting the said Address to His Excellency, being returned, reported His Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer thereto, Viz^{t}

[For transcript of the Gov$^{r's}$ Answer see Journal of the Upper House 10 Dec.]

Savannah 10th December 1762—

The Order of the day being read for the Clerk of this House to give general Notice by Advertisement to Carpenters & Bricklayers to inspect the State and Condition of the Church in Savannah, and the House being informed that several of those Artificers attended at the

door of the House, they were called in, and at the Bar of the House gave Information to the House of the present State and Condition of the said Church;

And then they withdrew.

Motion was made that a Spot of Ground be allotted for the erecting a New Church, in Savannah, upon.

RESOLVED, That the Spot of Ground in Wright's Square where the Market now stands be allotted for the building a New Church upon.

Motion was made that the Market be removed from the place where it now is in Wright's Square to the Center of Ellis's Square.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for allotting and appropriating the Ground where the Market now stands in Wright's Square for the building a new Church upon, and for removing the Market to the Centre of Ellis's Square.

ORDERED, That Mr Ewen Mr Milledge and Mr Mckeithen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, Decr 11th 1762.

The House met according to Adjournment, and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, Decr 13th 1762.

The House took into further Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper-House to the Bill intitled an Act for regulating a Work-House for the Custody and punishment of Negroes, and agreed to some and disagreed to others.

The Bill intitled an Act for amending an Act intitled An Act for constituting and dividing the several Districts and Divisions of this Province into Parishes and for establishing religious worship therein according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, and also for impoweing the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the respective parishes to assess Rates for the repair of Churches, the releif of the poor and other Parochial Services, and for enlarging the publick Burial Ground in Savannah and inclosing the same, was read a second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration immediately.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Read from the Committee reported, they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through the same, and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be now made;

Then Mr Read read the Report in his place, & afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intitled an Act for amending an Act passed in the third Session of the second General Assembly of this Province intitled an Act to prevent private person from purchasing Lands of the Indians and for preventing persons trading with them without Licence; and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Mckeithen from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through part thereof and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for leave to sit again

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the said Bill on the 21st of ffebruary next—

And then the House adjourned 'till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, Decr 14th 1762.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, Decr 15th 1762.

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till to morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, Decr 16th 1762.

Mr Ewen presented to the House according to Order, a Bill intitled an Act to impower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly for repairing of Christ Church in Savannah to lay out a spot of Ground for erecting a Parish Church thereon which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for laying out a Road between Darien and Barrington and for appointing new Commissioners of the Roads in the Parish of St Andrew.

Ordered, That Mr Baillie Mr Joseph Gibbons and Mr Winn be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants and ffreeholders in Savannah professing the Jewish Religion was presented to the House and read, setting forth, That from the first of ffamilies settling in this Province a Cemetery of Burial Place hath been allowed to and made use of by them for the Interment of their Dead, but the same never having been ascertained in it's Extent no Inclosure thereof cou'd be made. And further setting forth that the

Petitioners are informed a Bill is now depending in this House for the enlarging and inclosing Cemeteries or burial Grounds and are very willing and desirous at their own Cost and Expence to inclose a Portion of Ground for the solemn Purpose aforesaid; and therefore praying the House to take the Premisses into Consideration and to allot by Law a certain stated Quantity of Ground, (including the Spot where they have constantly deposited their Dead,) to be inclosed and appropriated for the use and Service aforesaid.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lye upon the Table.

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House according to order a Bill intitled an Act to continue An Act intitled an Act for regulating the Assize of Bread, wch was recd and read the first time and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Message from the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

Gentlemen,

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly until Monday the seventeenth day of January next, then to meet for the Dispatch of Business, and it is accordingly adjourned. Given under my hand at Savannah the sixteenth day of December 1762.

JA: WRIGHT.

To the Honorable, the Speaker and Members
of the Commons House of Assembly—

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